

**Ministerial Order 2020-068 of the Minister of Health and Social Services  
dated 20 September 2020**

Public Health Act  
(chapter S-2.2)

Ordering of measures to protect the health of the  
population amid the COVID-19 pandemic situation

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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,

CONSIDERING section 118 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), which provides that the Government may declare a public health emergency in all or part of the territory of Québec where a serious threat to the health of the population, whether real or imminent, requires the immediate application of certain measures provided for in section 123 of the Act to protect the health of the population;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020 declaring a public health emergency throughout Québec for a period of 10 days;

CONSIDERING that the public health emergency was renewed until 29 March 2020 by Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, until 7 April 2020 by Order in Council 388-2020 dated 29 March 2020, until 16 April 2020 by Order in Council 418-2020 dated 7 April 2020, until 24 April 2020 by Order in

Council 460-2020 dated 15 April 2020, until 29 April 2020 by Order in Council 478-2020 dated 22 April 2020, until 6 May 2020 by Order in Council 483-2020 dated 29 April 2020, until 13 May 2020 by Order in Council 501-2020 dated 6 May 2020, until 20 May 2020 by Order in Council 509-2020 dated 13 May 2020, until 27 May 2020 by Order in Council 531-2020 dated 20 May 2020, until 3 June 2020 by Order in Council 544-2020 dated 27 May 2020, until 10 June 2020 by Order in Council 572-2020 dated 3 June 2020, until 17 June 2020 by Order in Council 593-2020 dated 10 June 2020, until 23 June 2020 by Order in Council 630-2020 dated 17 June 2020, until 30 June 2020 by Order in Council 667-2020 dated 23 June 2020, until 8 July 2020 by Order in Council 690-2020 dated 30 June 2020, until 15 July 2020 by Order in Council 717-2020 dated 8 July 2020, until 22 July 2020 by Order in Council 807-2020 dated 15 July 2020, until 29 July 2020 by Order in Council 811-2020 dated 22 July 2020, until 5 August 2020 by Order in Council 814-2020 dated 29 July 2020, until 12 August 2020 by Order in Council 815-2020 dated 5 August 2020, until 19 August 2020 by Order in Council 818-2020 dated 12 August 2020, until 26 August 2020 by Order in Council 845-2020 dated 19 August 2020, until 2 September 2020 by Order in Council 895-2020 dated 26 August 2020, until 9 September 2020 by Order in Council 917-2020 dated 2 September 2020, until 16 September 2020 by Order in Council 925-2020 dated 9 September 2020 and until 23 September 2020 by Order in Council 948-2020 dated 16 September 2020;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 948-2020 dated 16 September 2020 also empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to take any measure provided for in subparagraphs 1° to 8° of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Public Health Act;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to order certain measures to protect the health of the population;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT a maximum of 50 persons may

(a) gather in a hall in which the sale or service of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises is permitted, or in a hall where any event or reception of a festive nature is held;

(b) be in attendance in a place of worship;

THAT, despite the first paragraph of the operative part of this Order and any other provision to the contrary in an order in council or a ministerial order made under section 123 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), the following measures apply to the territories of the Montréal, Chaudière-Appalaches and Capitale-National health regions, except the regional county municipalities of Charlevoix, Charlevoix-Est and Portneuf:

(1) in a private residence or its equivalent, in a tourist home or in a principal residence establishment, including the grounds of such a residence, home or establishment, a maximum of 6 persons may be assembled, except if the persons are occupants of a maximum of 2 private residences or their equivalent or one person is receiving from another person a service or support;

(2) a maximum of 25 persons may

(a) gather in a hall in which the sale or service of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises is permitted, or in a hall where any event or reception of a festive nature is held;

(b) be in attendance in a place of worship;

(3) in a restaurant, a food court in a shopping centre or food store, at casino or gaming house tables, in a bar or in any other room used for the purposes of restaurant services or the consumption of alcohol, a maximum of 6 persons may be seated at the same table, except if the persons are occupants of a same private residence or its equivalent or one person is receiving from another person a service or support;

(4) for users lodged in a facility in an institution where a residential and long-term care centre is operated, only the following visits are authorized:

(a) visits necessary for humanitarian purposes or to obtain care or services required by their state of health;

(b) visits by a family caregiver who provides significant aid to the user or resident, if the caregiver understands the risks inherent in the visits and undertakes to respect the guidelines recommended by the public health authorities and those imposed by the persons responsible for the living environment;

(5) a permit authorizing the sale or service of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises may be used only from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., in the rooms and on the terraces indicated on the permit;

(6) no consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted between midnight and 8 a.m. in the rooms and on the terraces indicated on the permit authorizing the sale or service of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, or on a small-scale production permit, a small-scale beer producer's permit or a brewer's permit allowing for consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises in accordance with their permit to produce alcoholic beverages;

THAT, for the territories referred to in the second paragraph of the operative part of this Order, the limit of 250 persons for outdoor assemblies in public places provided for in Order in Council 817-2020 dated 5 August 2020 be reduced to 25 persons;

THAT this Ministerial Order take effect on 21 September 2020.

Québec, 20 2020

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