Ministerial Order 2020-096 of the Minister of Health and Social Services
dated 25 November 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 that Order in Council also provides that the Minister of Health and Social Services may take any measure needed to ensure that the health and social services network has the necessary human resources;

CONSIDERING that, by Order in Council 1176-2020 dated 11 November 2020, the Government provided for the holding of school elections as well as the dates of the various proceedings leading to the elections;
CONSIDERING that Order in Council 1242-2020 dated 25 November 2020 also empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to take any of the measures 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 every advance poll and polling to be held in connection with a school election within the meaning of the Act respecting school elections (chapter E-2.3), as it read on 7 February 2020, be postponed and every election proceeding be suspended;

THAT every procedure relating to voting by mail begun, pursuant to Ministerial Order 2020-091 dated 13 November 2020, be cancelled;

THAT no returning officer for a school board may publish a notice of election;

THAT, for remote purchase pickups, a commercial retail sales establishment to which the Act respecting hours and days of admission to commercial establishments (chapter H-2.1) applies may, in addition to the legal periods of admission provided for under that Act, admit the public between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays;
THAT the measure set out in the fourth paragraph of the operative part of this Order take effect on 27 November 2020.

Québec, 25 November 2020

CHRISTIAN DUBÉ
Minister of Health and Social Services