Ministerial Order 2020-097 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated 1 December 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 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 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 private institution operating a residential and long-term care centre and every operator of a private seniors' residence be required to comply with the following measures:

(1) publicize and display, in strategic locations in its facilities or residence, the procedures to be followed to prevent COVID-19 contamination or should a COVID-19 outbreak occur;

(2) ensure that every person performing work or providing services in its facilities or residence has participated or participates in infection prevention and control training recognized by the health and social services network;

(3) accept infection prevention and control teams from the integrated health and social services centre in its territory and ensure that corrective measures regarding infection prevention and control be applied in the institution's facilities or in the residence;

(4) allow staff members of the integrated health and social services centre in its territory to have access to the facilities or residence so that they may conduct COVID-19 screening of any person performing work or providing services within the facilities or residence;

(5) produce a contingency plan to cover any temporary shortage of human resources, and send the plan to the integrated health and social services centre in its territory;

THAT every operator of a private seniors' residence also be required to inform the public health director in its territory of any situation leading the operator to have substantial grounds for believing that a resident or a person
performing work or providing services in the residence may have COVID-19, is waiting for a COVID-19 test result or has received a positive test result from such a test;

THAT every category 4 private seniors' residence within the meaning of the Regulation respecting the certification of private seniors' residences (chapter S-4.2, r. 0.01) have an internal mechanism to ensure supervision and control of the quality of the nursing care provided in the residence.

Québec, 1 December 2020

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