Ministerial Order 2021-003 of the Minister of Health and Social Services
dated 21 January 2021

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

CONSIDERING that that Order in Council also empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to order any modification or clarification to the measures provided for in that Order in Council;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 31-2021 dated 20 January 2021 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 health and social services institution may provide to a private seniors' residence or an intermediary resource, without a prescription, the acute care medications required for its residents or users taken in charge, including controlled substances within the meaning of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (S.C. 1996, c. 19), in accordance with the terms and conditions that apply to the exemption granted under section 56 of that Act;
THAT a private seniors' residence or an intermediate resource be authorized to keep the medications provided pursuant to the preceding paragraph and to administer them in accordance with the terms and conditions that apply to the exemption granted under section 56 of that Act;

THAT, until they are administered by a health professional duly authorized to do so, the medications kept by a private seniors' residence or an intermediate resource pursuant to the preceding paragraph be at all times under the control of the pharmacy department of the health and social services institution that provided them pursuant to the first paragraph;


"(4.1) a maximum of 10 persons may be in attendance at a place of worship, except for a funeral service, in which case the limit set in subparagraph 4 is applicable;".

Québec, 21 January 2021

CHRISTIAN DUBÉ
Minister of Health and Social Services