Ministerial Order 2021-016 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated 19 March 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 Order in Council 102-2021 dated 5 February 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-008 dated 20 February 2021, 2021-009 dated 25 February 2021, 2021-010 dated 5 March 2021, 2021-013 dated 13 March 2021 and 2021-015 dated 16 March 2021, provides for, among other things, despite any provision to the contrary of an Order in Council or a Ministerial Order made under section 123 of the Public Health Act, certain special measures applicable in certain territories;

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 the Order;

CONSIDERING that the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic allows for the easing of certain measures set in place to protect the health of the population, while maintaining some of the measures necessary to continue that protection;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:


(1) by striking out subparagraphs 14 and 15 of the third paragraph;

(2) by adding the following subparagraph at the end of the fourth paragraph:
"(11) the educational institutions covered by a recommendation or an order from a public health authority requiring them to reduce by 50% the attendance at the institution by Secondary 3, 4 and 5 students, except handicapped students or students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities attending specialized schools, classes or groups, must provide those students with educational services enabling learning to be continued at a distance not later than two days after the recommendation or order and, for that purposes, distance instructional services must be favoured;",

(3) by adding the following subparagraphs at the end of the fifth paragraph:

"(11) the educational institutions must reduce by 50% the number of hours of classroom educational services for each of their Secondary 3, 4 and 5 students; distance educational services must be provided to those students to pursue achievement of the objectives of the study programs and, to that end, distance instructional services must be favoured; and

(12) the preceding subparagraph does not apply to handicapped students or students with social maladjustments or learning disabilities attending specialized schools, classes or groups;",

THAT this Order take effect on 22 March 2021.

Québec, 19 March 2021

CHRISTIAN DUBÉ
Minister of Health and Social Services