Ministerial Order 2021-022 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated 7 April 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 that Order in Council provides that the Minister of Health and Social Services may order any other measure needed to ensure that the health and social services network has the necessary human resources;

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, until 23 September 2020 by Order in Council 948-2020 dated 16 September 2020, until 30 September 2020 by Order in Council 965-2020 dated 23 September 2020, until 7 October 2020 by Order in Council 1000-2020 dated 30 September 2020, until 14 October 2020 by Order in Council 1023-2020 dated 7 October 2020, until 21 October 2020 by Order in Council 1051-2020 dated 14 October 2020, until 28 October 2020 by Order in Council 1094-2020 dated 21 October 2020, until 4 November 2020 by Order in Council 1113-2020 dated 28 October 2020, until 11 November 2020 by Order in Council 1150-2020 dated 4 November 2020, until 18 November 2020 by Order in Council 1168-2020 dated 11 November 2020, until 25 November 2020 by Order in Council 1210-2020 dated 18 November 2020, until 2 December 2020 by Order in Council 1242-2020 dated 25 November 2020, until 9 December 2020 by Order in Council 1272-2020 dated 2 December 2020, until 18 December 2020 by Order in Council 1308-2020 dated 9 December 2020, until 25 December 2020 by Order in Council 1351-2020 dated 16 December 2020, until 1 January 2021

by Order in Council 1418-2020 dated 23 December 2020, until 8 January 2021 by Order in Council 1420-2020 dated 30 December 2020, until 15 January 2021 by Order in Council 1-2021 dated 6 January 2021, until 22 January 2021 by Order in Council 3-2021 dated 13 January 2021, until 29 January 2021 by Order in Council 31-2021 dated 20 January 2021, until 5 February 2021 by Order in Council 59-2021 dated 27 January 2021, until 12 February 2021 by Order in Council 89-2021 dated 3 February 2021, until 19 February 2021 by Order in Council 103-2021 dated 10 February 2021, until 26 February 2021 by Order in Council 124-2021 dated 17 February 2021, until 5 March 2021 by Order in Council 141-2021 dated 24 February 2021, until 12 March 2021 by Order in Council 176-2021 dated 3 March 2021, until 19 March 2021 by Order in Council 204-2021 dated 10 March 2021, until 26 March 2021 by Order in Council 243-2021 dated 17 March 2021, until 2 April 2021 by Order in Council 291-2021 dated 24 March 2021, until 9 April 2021 by Order in Council 489-2021 dated 31 March 2021 and until 16 April 2021 by Order in Council 525-2021 dated 7 April 2021;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 2020-022 dated 15 April 2020, amended by Ministerial Orders 2020-034 dated 9 May 2020, 2020-039 dated 22 May 2020 and 2021-010 dated 5 March 2021, provides in particular that certain professional orders may issue, without cost and to allow temporary practise of the profession governed by the order, a special public health emergency authorization;

CONSIDERING that Ministerial Order 2020-062 dated 4 September 2020 provides for certain rules applicable to nursing externs;

CONSIDERING that Ministerial Orders 2020-087 dated 4 November 2020 and 2020-099 dated 3 December 2020, amended by Ministerial Order 2021-005 dated 28 January 2021, provides in particular that the national medical director of pre-hospital emergency services may issue, without cost or requirement to complete an integration or training program, a special public health emergency authorization allowing samples necessary for the COVID-19 screening test to be taken or a flu and a COVID-19 vaccine to be administered, without a prescription, on certain conditions;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 525-2021 dated 7 April 2021 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 the operative part of Ministerial Order 2020-022 dated 15 April 2020, amended by Ministerial Orders 2020-034 dated 9 May 2020, 2020-039 dated 22 May 2020 and 2021-010 dated 5 March 2021, be further amended by striking out "for less than 5 years" in the sixth paragraph;

THAT the operative part of Ministerial Order 2020-062 dated 4 September 2020 be amended by adding the following paragraphs at the end:

"THAT the status of nursing extern within the meaning of the Regulation respecting the professional activities which may be performed by persons other than nurses (chapter I-8, r. 2) be granted to a person who

(1) has successfully completed the first two years of the college studies program, at least 34 credits of the university studies program of the Université de Montréal, at least 38 credits of the university studies program of the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, at least 36 credits of the university studies program of the Université de Sherbrooke, at least 37 credits of the university studies program of McGill University or at least 60 credits of another university studies program leading to a diploma giving access to the permit of the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec; and

(2) at the time the application is made to obtain the status of nursing extern, is enrolled in a college studies program or nursing studies program leading to a diploma giving access to the permit of the Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec;

THAT nursing externs may perform the professional activities that nurses may perform, listed in Schedule I to the Regulation respecting the professional activities which may be performed by persons other than nurses, in a local community service centre operated by a public institution or a private institution under agreement within the meaning of the Act respecting health services and social services (chapter S-4.2) or the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons (chapter S-5);";

THAT the operative part of Ministerial Order 2020-087 dated 4 November 2020 be amended by striking out "for less than 5 years" in subparagraph 2 of the fifth paragraph;

THAT the operative part of Ministerial Order 2020-099 dated 3 December 2020, amended by Ministerial Order 2021-005 dated 28 January 2021, be further amended

(1) in the fifth paragraph by striking out the word "and" at the end of subparagraph 22 and by adding the following subparagraphs at the end of the paragraph:

(23) professional chemists;

(24) radiation oncology technologists;

(25) professional technologists performing professional activities in the field of orthotics and prosthetics;

(26) students enrolled in the second session of their penultimate year of a studies program leading to a diploma giving access to the permit of one of the orders to which subparagraphs 1 to 15, 17 to 21 and 23 to 25 refer; and

(27) students who have completed the first year of a college studies program or university undergraduate studies program leading to a diploma giving access to the permit to practise the nursing profession;";

(2) by striking out "for less than 5 years" in subparagraph 2 of the sixth paragraph.

Québec, 7 April 2021

CHRISTIAN DUBÉ Minister of Health and Social Services