

**Ministerial Order 2021-023 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 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 433-2021 dated 24 March 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-019 dated 28 March 2021 and 2021-020 dated 1 April 2021, provides for, among other things, certain measures to apply to certain territories;

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

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 525-2021 dated 7 April 2021 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 Order in Council 433-2021 dated 24 March 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-019 dated 28 March 2021 and 2021-020 dated 1 April 2021 be further amended

(1) in the fifth paragraph,

(a) by replacing "250" in subparagraph a of subparagraph 10 by "100";

(b) by adding the following subparagraph at the end of subparagraph 13:

"(c) every person must remain seated at the same table throughout the person's presence in the place;"

(c) by adding the following subparagraph at the end of subparagraph 17:

"(e) a minimum distance of two metres is maintained between the persons present in the place, unless

i. the persons are occupants of the same private residence or its equivalent; or

ii. one of the persons is receiving a service or support from another person;"

(d) by inserting the following after subparagraph 19:

"(19.1) in a physical training room,

(a) the operator is required to keep a register of every patron admitted into the establishment;

(b) patrons must wear a face covering at all times, subject to the exceptions set out in subparagraph 1, 2 or 4 of the second paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended;"

(e) by replacing subparagraphs *a* and *b* of subparagraph 20 by the following subparagraphs:

"(a) it is carried out indoors in a place where the activities are not otherwise suspended, in circumstances that do not involve a league, tournament or competition, in any of the following situations and, on a rink, a face covering is worn at all times, subject to the exceptions set out in subparagraphs 1, 2 and 4 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended,

i. alone or with another person provided that, in the latter case, a minimum distance of two metres is maintained at all times between the persons;

ii. by the occupants of the same private residence or its equivalent;

iii. as part of a course in or at which only the occupants of the same private residence or its equivalent participate or attend, provided that a minimum distance of two metres is maintained at all times between the instructor and the other persons; or

iv. as part of an extracurricular activity or school outing by students in general education for youth in the same group;

(b) it is carried out outdoors in a place where the activities are not otherwise suspended, in circumstances that do not involve a league, tournament or competition, in any of the following situations:

i. by the occupants of the same private residence or its equivalent, to which another person may be added to guide or oversee the activity, provided that a minimum distance of two metres is maintained at all times with that person;

ii. by a group of not more than 12 persons, to which another person may be added to guide or oversee the activity, provided that a minimum distance of two metres is maintained at all times between every person who is not an occupant of the same private residence, or its equivalent, nor a person providing assistance to the occupant and, if the group is composed of more than two persons, a face covering is worn at all times, subject to the exceptions set out in subparagraphs 1, 2, 4 and 9 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended; or

iii. as part of an extracurricular activity or school outing by students in general education for youth in the same group;";

(f) in subparagraph 24,

i. by inserting ", provided that a minimum distance of two metres is maintained, to the extent possible, between the persons" in the portion of subparagraph v preceding subparagraph I after "conditions" and at the end of subparagraphs viii and ix of subparagraph a;

ii. by replacing subparagraphs *b* and *c* by the following subparagraph:

"(b) students at the elementary school level in general education for youth, at all times, in any building or room used by an educational institution or for the purposes of sport-study, arts-study, sports concentration and other special educational projects of the same nature, extracurricular activities or school outings, wear a face covering, subject to the exceptions set out in subparagraphs iv to ix of subparagraph *a*;"

(g) by inserting "primary and" in subparagraph 26 before "secondary";

(2) in the sixth paragraph,

(a) by adding the following subparagraphs at the end of subparagraph 8:

"(h) saunas and spas, except for their outside activities, for indoor pools and for the providing of personal care;

(i) physical training rooms;"

(b) by replacing "250" in subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 10 by "25";

(c) by adding the following subparagraph at the end of subparagraph 15:

"(e) a minimum distance of two metres is maintained between the persons present in the place, unless

i. the persons are occupants of the same private residence or its equivalent; or

ii. one of the persons is receiving a service or support from another person;"

(d) by striking out subparagraph 18;

(e) by replacing subparagraphs *a* and *b* of subparagraph 19 by the following subparagraphs:

"(a) it is carried out indoors, on a rink, in a pool or in a place where tennis or badminton may be played and, on a rink, a face covering is worn at all times, subject to the exceptions set out in subparagraphs 1, 2 and 4 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended, in any of the following situations:

i. alone or with another person provided that, in the latter case, a minimum distance of two metres is maintained at all times between the persons;

ii. by the occupants of the same private residence or its equivalent;

or

iii. as part of a course in or at which only the occupants of the same private residence or its equivalent participate or attend, provided that a minimum distance of two metres is maintained at all times between the instructor and the other persons;

(b) it is carried out outdoors in a place where the activities are not otherwise suspended, in circumstances that do not involve a league, tournament or competition, in either of the following situations:

i. by the occupants of the same private residence or its equivalent;

or

ii. by a group of not more than eight persons, to which another person may be added to guide or oversee the activity, provided that a minimum distance of two metres is maintained at all times between every person who is not an occupant of the same private residence, or its equivalent, nor a person providing assistance to the occupant and, if the group is composed of more than two persons, a face covering is worn at all times, subject to the exceptions set out in subparagraphs 1, 2, 4 and 9 of the second paragraph of Order in Council 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, as amended;

(b.1) it is carried out in a place where the activities are not otherwise suspended, as part of a school outing by students in the same group;"

(f) in subparagraph 24,

i. by inserting ", provided that a minimum distance of two metres is maintained, to the extent possible, between the persons" in the portion of subparagraph v preceding subparagraph I after "conditions" and at the end of subparagraphs viii and ix of subparagraph a;

ii. by striking out ", extracurricular activities" in subparagraph b and subparagraph ii of subparagraph c;

(g) by inserting "primary and" in subparagraph 26 before "secondary";

(h) by replacing subparagraph 27 by the following:

"(27) 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

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

(i) by inserting the following after subparagraph 30:

"(30.1) despite the preceding subparagraph, the universities, colleges established under the General and Vocational Colleges Act (chapter C-29), private educational institutions providing college instructional services and any other institution providing college-level or university instructional services or ongoing training services must favour distance training for their educational services, unless the acquisition or evaluation of the knowledge in the student's program of studies requires the student's presence in the classroom;"



THAT no person may be present in a territory listed in Schedule I or II of Order in Council 433-2021 dated 24 March 2021, as amended, other than the following persons:

(1) persons who have their principal or their secondary residence in one of the territories but in the latter case, only for the purposes of maintenance;

(2) persons who transport goods in the territories;

(3) persons whose travel is necessary for humanitarian purposes;

(4) persons whose travel is necessary to obtain care or services required by their state of health or to furnish such care or services to a person who requires the care or services;

(5) persons who work, carry on their profession or attend an educational institution in the territory;

(6) persons who must enter the territory to comply with an order in a court judgment or to allow the exercise of custody or parental access rights set out in an agreement;

(7) employees in the federal public service whose place of work is situated in one of the territories and whose presence at the place of work is required by the employer;

(8) persons engaged in the transporting of goods in transit in Québec;

THAT the persons entering a territory from a territory listed in Schedule III or IV of Order in Council 433-2021 dated 24 March 2021 and its subsequent amendments, to return to their principal residence self isolate for 14 days upon their return, except persons who travelled to go to work or for reasons referred to in subparagraph 3 and 4, and persons who are in a situation described in subparagraph 6;

THAT, despite the preceding, a public health director, a person authorized to act on the director's behalf or a physician may authorize a person to enter one of those territories on the conditions he or she determines;

THAT the second, third and fourth paragraphs not apply to persons who are able to establish they were already present in a territory listed in Schedule

I or II of Order in Council 433-2021 dated 24 March 2021, as amended, before 8 April 2021, until such time as they leave the territory;

THAT Ministerial Order 2020-013 dated 1 April 2020 be revoked;

THAT this Order come into force on 8 April 2021, except for the measures set out in subparagraph ii of subparagraph *f* and subparagraph *g* of subparagraph 1 and in subparagraphs *e* as regards extracurricular activities, *g*, *h* and *i* of subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph, which come into force on 12 April 2021.

Québec, 7 April 2021

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