Ministerial Order 2021-041 of the Minister of Health and Social Services
dated 7 June 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 735-2021 dated 26 May 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-039 dated 28 May 2021 and 2021-040 dated 5 June 2021, provides for, among other things, certain special measures to apply in 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 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 certain of the measures necessary to continue that protection;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the seventh paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 735-2021 dated 26 May 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-039 dated 28 May 2021 and 2021-040 dated 5 June 2021, be further amended

(1) by striking out subparagraphs 26 to 28;
(2) by replacing subparagraph 30 by the following:

"(30) for university institutions, 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 or university instructional services, students must wear a procedural mask all times when in any building or room used by the institution, except if the student

(a) is seated and is consuming food or a beverage;

(b) has any of the following medical conditions, provided that a minimum distance of two metres is maintained, to the extent possible, between every person:

i. is incapable, alone, of putting on or removing a face covering because of a physical disability;

ii. has a facial deformation;

iii. as a result of a cognitive disorder, intellectual impairment, autism spectrum disorder or other mental health condition, is not capable of understanding the face covering requirement, or the wearing of a face covering causes disorganization or significant distress;

iv. any other medical condition forming grounds on which the wearing of a face covering is considered to be harmful or dangerous, for which a certificate from a professional qualified to make such a diagnosis may be required;

(c) receives care or is provided a service requiring the face covering be removed, in which case the person may remove the face covering for the duration of the care or service; or

(d) engages in a physical activity or other activity requiring the face covering be removed, provided that a minimum distance of two metres is maintained between every person;".
Québec, 7 June 2021

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