

**Ministerial Order 2021-067 of the Minister of Health and Social Services  
dated 8 October 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 has consistently been renewed since that date by various Orders in Council, including by Order in Council 1293-2021 dated 6 October 2021;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 885-2021 dated 23 June 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-049 dated 1 July 2021, 2021-050 dated 2 July 2021, 2021-053 dated 10 July 2021, 2021-055 dated 30 July 2021, 2021-057 dated 4 August 2021, 2021-058 dated 13 August 2021, 2021-059 dated 18 August 2021, 2021-060 dated 24 August 2021, 2021-061 dated 31 August 2021, 2021-062 dated 3 September 2021, 2021-063 dated 9 September 2021, 2021-065 dated 24 September 2021 and 2021-066 dated 1 October 2021 provides for, among other things, certain special measures to apply throughout Québec;

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 1293-2021 dated 6 October 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 advisable to order certain measures to protect the health of the population;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the operative part of Order in Council 885-2021 dated 23 June 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-049 dated 1 July 2021, 2021-050 dated 2 July 2021, 2021-053 dated 10 July 2021, 2021-055 dated 30 July 2021, 2021-057 dated 4 August 2021, 2021-058 dated 13 August 2021, 2021-059 dated 18 August 2021, 2021-060 dated 24 August 2021, 2021-061 dated 31 August 2021, 2021-062 dated 3 September 2021, 2021-063 dated 9 September 2021, 2021-065 dated 24 September 2021 and 2021-066 dated 1 October 2021, be further amended

(1) by adding the following at the end of the fourth paragraph:

"(10) for the participants at a convention or conference;

(11) for the participants or members of the public when seated indoors at a gathering, meeting, recognition or graduation ceremony or other event of the same nature, a movie theatre, a room or hall in which performing arts are

presented, including a broadcast venue, for a production, an audio-video filming, an indoor performance, as well as for an indoor training activity or sports event, but only if the organizer verifies that the participants or members of the public, if they are 13 years of age or older, are adequately protected against COVID-19 within the meaning of Order in Council 1173-2021 dated 1 September 2021 and subsequent amendments, in the manner and subject to the exceptions set out in that Order in Council;

(12) for the participants or members of the public when seated outdoors at a gathering, meeting, recognition or graduation ceremony or other event of the same nature, in a stadium, outdoor amphitheatre, agora or other permanent infrastructure of the same type, but only if the organizer verifies that the participants or members of the public, if they are 13 years of age or older, are adequately protected against COVID-19 within the meaning of Order in Council 1173-2021 dated 1 September 2021 and subsequent amendments, in the manner and subject to the exceptions set out in that Order in Council;;

(2) in the fourteenth paragraph,

(a) by replacing subparagraph 14 by the following:

"(14) in movie theaters and rooms or halls in which performing arts are presented, including broadcast venues, for a production, an audio-video filming, an indoor performance, as well as for an indoor training activity or sports event, every member of the public remain seated in the assigned seat;;

(14.1) at a gathering, meeting, recognition or graduation ceremony or other event of the same nature taking place indoors, every participant remain seated in the assigned seat;;

(b) by adding the following after subparagraph 16.1:

"(16.2) subparagraph 16 does not apply to an outdoor event taking place in a stadium, outdoor amphitheatre, agora or other permanent infrastructure of the same type if the members of the public remain seated in the assigned seats;;

(c) by adding the following at the end of subparagraph 21;

"(g) for choirs and amateur orchestras,

i. the activity is performed by a group of not more than 100 persons;

ii. a distance of two metres is maintained

(I) between each singer and with any other person;

(II) between each wind instrumentalist and with any other person;

and

iii. the musicians, other than wind instrumentalists, wear a procedural mask;"

(d) by striking out subparagraph a of subparagraph 23;

(e) by replacing ", on the condition that a maximum of 500 persons be gathered and each person remain seated in an assigned seat" in subparagraph e of subparagraph 26 by "in the assigned seat";

THAT the operative part of Order in Council 1173-2021 dated 1 September 2021, amended by Order in Council 1276-2021 dated 24 September 2021, be further amended by adding the following paragraph at the end of the third paragraph:

"(11) a gathering, meeting, recognition or graduation ceremony or other event of the same nature attended by more than 250 persons indoors or by more than 500 persons outdoors;"

Québec, 8 October 2021

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