

**Ministerial Order 2021-070 of the Minister of Health and Social Services
dated 15 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 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 has consistently been renewed since that date by various Orders in Council, including by Order in Council 1313-2021 dated 13 October 2021;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 1276-2021 dated 24 September 2021 providing among other things the requirement for certain health and social service providers to be adequately protected;

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 it is advisable to order certain measures to protect the health of the population;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the taking effect of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, nineteenth, twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-sixth paragraphs of Order in Council 1276-2021 dated 24 September 2021 be postponed to 15 November 2021, except with regard to

(1) students and trainees;

(2) volunteers;

(3) persons hired or who begin to practise in the environments concerned after 15 October 2021; and

(4) subcontractors not providing care to users or residents in the environments concerned.

Québec, 15 October 2021

CHRISTIAN DUBÉ
Minister of Health and Social Services