

**Ministerial Order 2022-010 of the Minister of Health and Social Services  
dated 27 January 2022**

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 also provides that the Minister of Health and Social Services may order any 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 94-2022 dated 26 January 2022;

CONSIDERING that Ministerial Order 2020-087 dated 4 November 2020, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-022 dated 7 April 2021 and 2021-091 dated 21 December 2021, provides among other things 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 COVID-19 screening tests to be taken, on certain conditions;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 94-2022 dated 26 January 2022 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 fifth paragraph of the operative part of Ministerial Order 2020-087 dated 4 November 2020, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-022 dated 7 April 2021 and 2021-091 dated 21 December 2021, be further amended by adding the following at the end:

"(4) first responders not referred to in subparagraph 3, on the condition they have undergone training for the purpose provided under the authority of the director of nursing care of a health and social services institution and are under the supervision of a nurse, physician, respiratory therapist, nursing assistant or medical technologist, who must be present on the premises where the sample is taken;".

Québec, 27 January 2022

CHRISTIAN DUBÉ  
Minister of Health and Social Services