

**Ministerial Order 2022-015 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated
11 February 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 the public health emergency has consistently been renewed since that date by various Orders in Council, including by Order in Council 131-2022 dated 9 February 2022;

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, 2021-066 dated 1 October 2021, 2021-067 dated 8 October 2021, 2021-068 dated 9 October 2021, 2021-069 dated 12 October 2021, 2021-073 dated 22 October 2021, 2021-074 dated 25 October 2021, 2021-077 dated 29 October 2021, 2021-078 dated 2 November 2021, 2021-079 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-083 dated 10 December 2021, 2021-086 dated 13 December 2021, 2021-087 dated 14 December 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021, 2021-090 dated 20 December 2021, 2021-092 dated 22 December 2021, 2021-096 dated 31 December 2021, 2022-001 dated 2 January 2022, 2022-004 dated 15 January 2022, 2022-011 dated 29 January 2022, 2022-012 dated 4 February 2022 and 2022-013 dated 5 February 2022, provides among other things for certain special measures to apply throughout Québec;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 1173-2021 dated 1 September 2021, amended by Order in Council 1276-2021 dated 24 September 2021, and by Ministerial Orders 2021-067 dated 8 October 2021, 2021-079 and 2021-081 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-082 dated 17 November 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021, 2022-004 dated 15 January 2022, 2022-007 dated 23 January 2022 and 2022-013 dated 5 February 2022, provides that a person must be adequately protected to enter certain places or participate in certain activities;

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

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 131-2022 dated 9 February 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 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 eleventh paragraph of 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, 2021-066 dated 1 October 2021, 2021-067 dated 8 October 2021, 2021-068 dated 9 October 2021, 2021-069 dated 12 October 2021, 2021-073 dated 22 October 2021, 2021-074 dated 25 October 2021, 2021-077 dated 29 October 2021, 2021-078 dated 2 November 2021, 2021-079 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-083 dated 10 December 2021, 2021-086 dated 13 December 2021, 2021-087 dated 14 December 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021, 2021-090 dated 20 December 2021, 2021-092 dated 22 December 2021, 2021-096 dated 31 December 2021, 2022-001 dated 2 January 2022, 2022-004 dated 15 January 2022, 2022-011 dated 29 January 2022, 2022-012 dated 4 February 2022 and 2022-013 dated 5 February 2022, be further amended

(1) by striking out subparagraphs 1 to 3;

(2) by striking out "or a marriage" in the portion before subparagraph a of subparagraph 4;

(3) by replacing subparagraph 6 by the following:

"(6) in a courtroom or hearing room,

(a) a maximum of 250 persons may be in attendance;

(b) for a marriage, the face covering worn by the public must be a procedural mask and be worn at all times, subject to the exception provided for in subparagraph 1, 4 or 6 of the fifth paragraph;"

(4) in subparagraph 6.1,

(a) by replacing subparagraph a.1 by the following:

"(a.1) recreational centres for their indoor activities, except

i. for activities that are part of sport-study, art-study and sports concentration curriculums and other special school projects of the same nature provided to students at the elementary and secondary school level in general education for youth;

ii. for golf and climbing activities;"

(b) by striking out subparagraphs *h* and *i*;

(5) by replacing “four” and “two” in subparagraph ii of subparagraphs *a* and *b* of subparagraph 7 by “ten” and “three”, respectively;

(6) by inserting the following after subparagraph 11:

"(12) subparagraph iii of subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 7 does not apply in a cafeteria or its equivalent in a university institution, college established under the General and Vocational Colleges Act (chapter C-29), private educational institution providing college instructional services or any other institution providing college or university instructional services or ongoing training services;"

(7) by striking out subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 13;

(8) by inserting "only" in subparagraph *a* of subparagraph 14 before "preschool children";

(9) by inserting ", unless the persons in attendance are only preschool children or students at the elementary or secondary school level in general education for youth, students in vocational training and students in adult general education from the same institution, when receiving any service provided by a school service centre, school board or private educational institution, or are children at a vacation camp or day camp, and persons accompanying the students or children" at the end of subparagraph 15;

(10) by replacing "1,000" in subparagraph 16 by "5,000";

(8) by replacing subparagraph 20 by the following:

"(19) in the recreational centres referred to in subparagraph ii of subparagraph *a.1* of subparagraph 6.1, the occupancy capacity is set at 50% of usual capacity, as is the capacity of every changing room, unless the persons using the centre are only preschool children or students at the elementary or secondary school level in general education for youth, students in vocational training and students in adult general education from the same institution, when receiving any service provided by a school service centre, school board or private educational institution, or are children at a vacation camp or day camp, and persons accompanying the students or children;

(19.1) in physical training rooms,

(a) the occupancy capacity is set at 50% of its usual capacity;

(b) the capacity of every changing room is set at 50% of its usual capacity;

(c) a minimum distance of one metre must be maintained between persons engaging in a physical activity;

(d) the face covering worn by the public must be a procedural mask;

(19.2) in saunas and spas, the occupancy capacity is set at 50% of usual capacity, as is the capacity of every changing room, except where personal care is being provided;

(20) every competition, tournament or other event of the same nature organized for the playing of recreational or sports activities is suspended, unless

(a) it is organized to be played outdoors and the capacity of every changing room is set at 50% of its usual capacity; or

(b) it is part of a qualifying process for Olympic or Paralympic Games and world championships, and the following conditions are complied with by the athletes and supervisory staff:

i. a protected environment is put in place that seeks to limit the risks of transmission between the athletes and supervisory staff and the general public, in accordance with a sanitary protocol approved by the Minister of Health and Social Services;

ii. the sanitary protocol approved by the Minister of Health and Social Services is complied with at all times, before, during and after entering the protected environment;

iii. the capacity of every changing room is set at 50% of its usual capacity;"

(12) in subparagraph 21,

(a) in subparagraph a.1,

i. by striking out "for a group of persons under 18 years of age or, if it is organized by a sports federation body or a body recognized by the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports, for a group of persons under 18 years of age and persons born after 1 January 2001" in the portion before subparagraph i;

ii. by striking out subparagraph ii;

(b) by inserting ", vocational training and adult general education" at the end of subparagraph *b*;

(c) by replacing subparagraph c.1 by the following:

"(c.1) the activity is part of extracurricular activities provided to students in general education for youth, vocational training and adult general education;"

(13) by inserting "attended by a maximum of 250 persons, without exceeding 50% of the usual capacity of the hall" at the end of subparagraph *f* of subparagraph 22;

THAT the fourth paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 1173-2021 dated 1 September 2021, amended by Order in Council 1276-2021 dated 24 September 2021, and by Ministerial Orders 2021-067 dated 8 October 2021, 2021-079 and 2021-081 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-082 dated 17 November 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021, 2022-004 dated 15 January 2022, 2022-007 dated 23 January 2022 and 2022-013 dated 5 February 2022, be further amended by inserting ", unless it is being held in a hearing room" at the end of subparagraph 15.1;

THAT the measures set out in this Order take effect on 14 February 2022, except those set out in paragraphs 1 and 5 to 7 of the first paragraph, which take effect on 12 February 2022.

Québec, 11 February 2022

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Minister of Health and Social Services