

**Order 2020-006 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated
19 March 2020**

Public Health Act
(chapter S-2.2)

CONCERNING the ordering of measures
to protect the health of the population
during 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 specifies 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 said Act to protect the health of the population;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, which declares a public health emergency throughout Québec for a period of 10 days;

CONSIDERING that the said order empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to order any other measure necessary to protect the health of the population, pursuant to subparagraph 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the said Act;

CONSIDERING that it is expedient to order certain measures to protect the health of the population;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The conclusions of judgments or orders rendered by the Court of Québec ordering contacts in the physical presence of the child with his or her parents, grandparents or any other person are suspended, to the extent that the Director of Youth Protection considers, according to the public health recommendations, that those conclusions cannot be complied with in a way that protects the health of the population in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director of Youth Protection must, where possible, provide for other safe contact terms and conditions by any means deemed appropriate, in particular, by technological means. The Director of Youth Protection must allow for the execution of conclusions as soon as they may be applied without representing a danger for the health of the population.

Québec, 19 March 2020

Minister of Health and Social Services

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. McCann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DANIELLE McCANN