

**Order 2020-009 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated 23
March 2020**

Public Health Act
(chapter S-2.2)

Ordering of measures to protect the health of the
population during the COVID-19 pandemic

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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 that 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 order in council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, which renews the public health emergency throughout Québec for a period of 10 days;

CONSIDERING that the latter order specifies that the measures provided for in order in council 177-2020 and the orders made pursuant to it continue to apply until 29 March 2020 or until the government or the Minister of Health and Social Services amends or terminates them, with some exceptions;

CONSIDERING that the latter order empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to order any other measures 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:

THAT the following visits be suspended:

(1) any visit to a user housed in a facility of an institution in which a residential and long-term care centre is operated;

(2) any visit to a user taken in charge by an intermediate resource or a family-type resource where users with factors that make them vulnerable to COVID-19 live;

(3) any visit to a resident in a private seniors' residence;

THAT any outing by such persons be suspended;

THAT the following visits and outings be nevertheless authorized for such persons:

(1) any visits and outings that are necessary for humanitarian reasons or to obtain the care and services required by their state of health;

(2) any visits considered necessary to ensure the repairs and maintenance required for the safety of their living unit;

(3) supervised outings;

THAT the operators of private seniors' residences be required to establish a mechanism to ensure that products or goods from any source can be delivered to residents without being handed directly to them;

THAT the time limits provided for in sections 40.4 and 40.7 of the Tax Administration Act (chapter A-6.002) to retain a thing seized or the sale proceeds, or to extend the retention period, be suspended;

THAT, except in matters deemed urgent by the courts, the following time limits in the Code of Penal Procedure (chapter C-25.1) be suspended:

(1) to detain the thing seized or the proceeds of the sale thereof and apply for further detention (articles 132 and 133);

(2) to transmit a plea after service of a statement (article 160);

(3) to file an application for the revocation of a judgment by default (article 252);

(4) to bring an appeal before the Superior Court (article 271);

(5) to file a written appearance in the office of the Superior Court (article 274);

(6) to file an application for an appeal by way of a new hearing (article 282);

(7) to apply for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal (article 296);

(8) to file a written appearance in the office of the Court of Appeal (article 303);

(9) to file a factum at the office of the Court of Appeal together with proof of its service (articles 304 et 305);

(10) to pay a sum due to a collector (article 322);

(11) to perform compensatory work (article 338);

THAT, notwithstanding articles 96 and 103 of the Code of Penal Procedure, any search may be authorized by telewarrant.

Québec, 23 March 2020

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Minister of Health and Social Services