

**Ministerial Order 2020-011 of the Minister of Health and Social Services
dated 28 March 2020**

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 subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph of section 123 of that Act which provides that notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, while the public health emergency is in effect, the Minister, if the Minister has been so empowered, may, without delay and without further formality, to protect the health of the population, prohibit entry into all or part of the area concerned or allow access to an area only to certain persons and subject to certain conditions, or order, for the time necessary where there is no other means of protection, the evacuation of persons from all or any part of the area or their confinement and, if the persons affected have no other resources, provide for their lodging, feeding, clothing and security needs;

CONSIDERING that the territory of the health regions has been delimited pursuant to section 339 of the Act respecting health services and social services (chapter S-4.2) and section 43 of the Act respecting health services and social services for Cree Native persons (chapter S-5);

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

CONSIDERING Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020 renewing the public health emergency throughout Québec for a period of 10 days;

CONSIDERING that that Order in Council provides that the measures set out 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 modifies or terminates them, save exception;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020 which provides various measures to protect the health of the population;

CONSIDERING that that Order in Council authorizes the Minister of Health and Social Services to amend the Schedule to the Order in Council to add or delete priority services or to make clarifications;

CONSIDERING that the Minister of Health and Social Services amended the Schedule to that Order in Council by Order 2020-010 dated 27 March 2020;

CONSIDERING that that Order in Council empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to take any measure provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Public Health Act;

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

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the Schedule to Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020, amended by Order 2020-10 dated 27 March 2020, be further amended

(1) by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph l of the heading "**3. Government services and other priority activities**":

"l.1. Production and distribution of medications, vaccines and medical equipment for veterinary medicine

"l.2. Laboratories and animal health research centres";

(2) by replacing paragraph m of the heading "**3. Government services and other priority activities**" by the following paragraph:

"m. Care for live animals kept in captivity";

(3) by inserting ", fisheries and commercial aquaculture" in paragraph a of the heading "**5. Priority manufacturing activities**" after "market-garden vegetable production";

(4) by adding ", rental car firms" at the end of paragraph h of the heading "**11. Priority services in the field of transportation and logistics**";

THAT access to the Bas-Saint-Laurent, Saguenay—Lac-Saint-Jean, Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Côte-Nord, Nord-du-Québec, Gaspésie — Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Nunavik and Terres-Cries-de-la-Baie-James health regions be restricted to the following persons:

(1) persons who have their principal residence there;

(2) persons who transport goods into those regions to enable priority services provided for in the Schedule to Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020 or in any other Order in Council or Ministerial Order amending the Schedule to continue to be offered;

(3) persons whose travel is necessary for humanitarian purposes;

(4) persons whose travel is necessary to obtain care or services required by their state of health or to provide such care or services to a person requiring them;

(5) persons who work or practise their profession in work environments offering priority services provided for in the Schedule to Order in Council 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020 or in any other Order in Council or Ministerial Order amending the Schedule;

(6) persons who must enter the health region to comply with an order contained in a decision or judgment of a court;

(7) persons who arrive directly from an access-restricted region;

THAT the persons entering any of those regions to return to their principal residence, except persons who travelled outside for reasons described in paragraphs 3 to 6 and persons who are in a situation described in paragraph 7, self-isolate for a period of 14 days upon their return to the region;

THAT, despite the foregoing, any person showing COVID-19-related symptoms, in particular cough, fever, difficulty breathing, sore throat or loss of sense of smell, be prohibited from entering any of those regions;

THAT, despite the foregoing, a director of public health, a person authorized to act on the director's behalf or a physician be able to authorize a person to access those regions on the conditions the authorizing person determines.

Québec, 28 March 2020

DANIELLE McCANN
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Social Services