

**Order 2020-012 of the Minister of Health and Social Services
dated 30 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 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 was renewed until 29 March 2020 by Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020 and until 7 April 2020 by Order in Council 388-2020 dated 29 March 2020;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 388-2020 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 pharmacies, grocery stores and other food retailers, as well as stores not located in a mall that offer grocery or pharmacy services may, from Monday to Saturday inclusively, extend the hours of admission of the public beyond the legal periods in order to meet the needs of their customers and have the number of employees needed at work to attend to operations;

THAT all retail commercial establishments be closed to the public on Sunday, except for pharmacies, convenience stores, service stations, restaurants for drive-through, take-out and delivery, as well as grocery stores for orders placed online or by telephone and delivery.

Québec, 30 March 2020

DANIELLE McCANN

Minister of Health and Social Services