Ministerial Order 2020-030 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated 29 April 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 that Order in Council provides that the Minister of Health and Social Services may order any other measure needed to ensure that the health and social services network has the necessary human resources;

CONSIDERING that the public health emergency was renewed until 29 March 2020 by Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, until 7 April 2020 by Order in Council 388-2020 dated 29 March 2020, until 16 April 2020 by Order in Council 418-2020 dated 7 April 2020, until 24 April 2020 by Order in Council 460-2020 dated 15 April 2020, until 29 April 2020 by Order in Council 478-2020 dated 22 April 2020 and until 6 May 2020 by Order in Council 483-2020 dated 29 April 2020;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 483-2020 dated 29 April 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, for the purposes of paragraph 2 of section 25 of the Regulation respecting specialized nurse practitioners (chapter M-9, r. 23.1), the said supervision may be performed remotely;

THAT a nurse is authorized to perform, even without a prescription, the COVID-19 screening test;

THAT, to the extent that it is necessary in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the care attendant of a private seniors' residence is exempted from the obligation to hold the document referred to in paragraph 2 of section 3.5 of the Regulation respecting the activities engaged in and described in sections 39.7 and 39.8 of the Professional Code (chapter C-26, r.3) when a competent professional from the integrated health and social services centre of the territory has provided the care attendant with the training required to master the skills referred to therein and attests that the care attendant masters those skills, provided that the other conditions set out in the Regulation are met.

Québec, 29 Ap 2020

DANIELLE McCANN Minister of Health and Social Services