

**Ministerial Order 2020-037 of the Minister of Health and Social Services  
dated 14 May 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, until 6 May 2020 by Order in Council 483-2020 dated 29 April 2020, until 13 May 2020 by Order in Council 501-2020 dated 6 May 2020 and until 20 May 2020 by Order in Council 509-2020 dated 13 May 2020;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 509-2020 dated 13 May 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 the duration of the privileges granted to a physician or a dentist that expire between the date of this Order and the end of the public health emergency be extended for a period equivalent to that of the public health emergency;

THAT a midwife who considers that the working conditions of a pregnant or breastfeeding worker involve the risks described in the first paragraph of section 40 or 46 of the Act respecting occupational health and safety (chapter S-2.1) be authorized to complete the formalities relating to the protective re-assignment of the worker, on the same conditions as those that apply to specialized nurse practitioners under sections 33 and 42.1 of that Act;

THAT a midwife be authorized to fulfill the obligations and complete the formalities entrusted to the physician or specialized nurse practitioner under the Regulation respecting the preventive withdrawal of certain home childcare providers (chapter R-24.0.1, r. 1);

THAT a respiratory therapist be authorized to perform, even without a prescription, the COVID-19 screening test.

Québec, 14 May 2020

DANIELLE McCANN  
Minister of Health and Social Services