

Easing of certain measures to protect the health of
the population amid the COVID-19 pandemic
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WHEREAS 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;

WHEREAS that, by Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, the Government declared a public health emergency throughout Québec and took certain measures to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS that the public health emergency was subsequently renewed in accordance with section 119 of the Public Health Act;

WHEREAS that, by Ministerial Order 2022-033 dated 11 May 2022 made by the Minister of Health and Social Services, the Minister set in place certain human resource measures, including the requirement for certain service providers in the health and social services sector to be adequately protected or to undergo COVID-19 screening;

WHEREAS that, under section 1 of the Act to terminate the public health emergency while maintaining transitional measures necessary to protect the health of the population (2022, chapter 15), the public health emergency declared on 13 March 2020 and renewed since was terminated on 1 June 2022;

WHEREAS that, under section 2 of that Act, the measures prescribed by various Ministerial Orders of the Minister of Health and Social Services, in particular Ministerial Order 2022-033 dated 11 May 2022, remain in force until 31 December 2022;

WHEREAS that section 3 of that Act provides that the Government may amend or repeal a ministerial order referred to in section 2 to allow a gradual easing of the measures;

WHEREAS that Ministerial Order 2022-033 dated 11 May 2022 of the Minister of Health and Social Services was amended by Order in Council 1414-2022 dated 6 July 2022 to allow a gradual easing of the measures set in place by the Ministerial Order;

WHEREAS it is expedient to further amend Ministerial Order 2022-033 dated 11 May 2022, as amended, to ease certain measures set in place to protect the health of the population;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Health:

THAT the thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-third, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first, forty-second, forty-third, forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-sixth, forty-seventh, forty-eighth, forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first, fifty-second, fifty-third, fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh paragraphs of Ministerial Order 2022-033 dated 11 May 2022, amended by Order in Council 1414-2022 dated 6 July 2022, be revoked.