Ordering of measures to protect the health of the population amid the COVID-19 pandemic situation

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WHEREAS the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic on 11 March 2020;

WHEREAS, under section 118 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), 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 the pandemic constitutes a serious and real threat to the health of the population that requires the immediate application of certain measures provided for in section 123 of the Act;

WHEREAS, by Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, the Government declared a public health emergency throughout Québec for a period of 10 days;


WHEREAS Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020 ordered in particular the suspension of educational and instructional services provided by educational institutions;

WHEREAS, by Orders in Council 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, 540-2020 dated 20 May 2020, 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, 588-2020 dated 3 June 2020, 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020 and 651-2020 dated 17 June 2020, the Government lifted the suspension applicable to certain educational and instructional services provided by educational institutions under Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020 and ordered that educational support services be organized and provided to certain students;
WHEREAS, while the public health emergency is in effect, despite any provision to the contrary, the Government or the Minister of Health and Social Services, if the Minister has been so empowered, may, without delay and without further formality, take any of the measures provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Act to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic allows for the easing of certain measures set in place to protect the health of the population, while maintaining some of the measures necessary to continue that protection;

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


(1) the organizing of summer school for students at the Secondary IV and V levels;

(2) the carrying out of local examinations and other local modalities of evaluation for obtaining credits at the Secondary IV and V levels;

(3) the writing of ministerial examinations at the Secondary IV and V levels for students who were eligible to such examinations before the 2019-2020 school year;

THAT the Minister of Health and Social Services be empowered to order any modification or clarification of the measures provided for in this Order in Council;

THAT this Order in Council take effect on 2 July 2020.