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

WHEREAS 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, until 20 May 2020 by Order in Council 509-2020 dated 13 May 2020, until 27 May 2020 by Order in Council 531-2020 dated 20 May 2020, until 3 June 2020 by Order in Council 544-2020 dated 27 May 2020, until 10 June 2020 by Order in Council 572-2020 dated 3 June 2020, until 17 June 2020 by Order in Council 593-2020 dated 10 June 2020, until 23 June 2020 by Order in Council 630-2020 dated 17 June 2020, until 30 June 2020 by Order in Council 667-2020 dated 23 June 2020, until 8 July 2020 by Order in Council 690-2020 dated 30 June 2020, until 15 July 2020 by Order in Council 717-2020 dated 8 July 2020 and until 22 July 2020 by Order in Council 807-2020 dated 15 July 2020;

WHEREAS the latter Order in Council provides that the measures provided for by Orders in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, 460-2020 dated 15 April 2020, 496-2020 dated 29 April 2020, 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, 651-2020 dated 17 June 2020, 689-2020 dated 25 June 2020 and 708-2020 dated 30 June 2020, and by Ministerial Orders 2020-003 dated 14 March 2020, 2020-004 dated 15 March 2020, 2020-005 dated 17 March 2020, 2020-007 dated 21 March 2020, 2020-008 dated 22 March 2020, 2020-009 dated 23 March 2020, 2020-010 dated 27 March 2020, 2020-013 dated 1 April 2020, 2020-014 dated 2 April 2020, 2020-015 dated 4 April 2020, 2020-016 dated 7 April 2020, 2020-017 dated 8 April 2020, 2020-019 and 2020-020 dated 10 April 2020, 2020-022 dated 15 April 2020, 2020-023 dated 17 April 2020, 2020-026 dated 20 April 2020, 2020-027 dated 22 April 2020, 2020-028 dated 25 April 2020, 2020-029 dated 26 April 2020, 2020-030 dated 29 April 2020, 2020-031 dated 3 May 2020, 2020-032 dated 5 May 2020, 2020-033 dated 7 May 2020, 2020-034 dated 9 May 2020, 2020-035 dated 10 May 2020, 2020-037 dated 14 May 2020, 2020-038 dated 15 May 2020, 2020-039 dated 22 May 2020, 2020-041 dated 30 May 2020, 2020-042 dated 4 June 2020, 2020-043 dated 6 June 2020, 2020-044 dated 12 June 2020, 2020-045 dated 17 June 2020, 2020-047 dated 19 June 2020, 2020-048 dated 26 June 2020, 2020-049 dated 4 July 2020, 2020-050 dated 7 July 2020 and 2020-051 dated 9 July 2020, except to the extent that they were amended by those Orders in Council or Ministerial Orders, continue to apply until 22 July 2020 or until the Government or the Minister of Health and Social Services modifies or terminates them;

WHEREAS it is expedient to order certain measures to protect the health of the population;

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

THAT, for the purposes of this Order in Council,

(1) “face covering” means a mask or tightly fitting cloth that covers the nose and the mouth;

(2) “public place” means the part of the following places accessible to the public, insofar as it is enclosed or partially covered and is not an accommodation unit:

(a) a retail business, a shopping centre, or a building or room where a service enterprise is operated, including a personal care or beauty care enterprise;

(b) a restaurant or a bar;

(c) a place of worship;

(d) a place where activities or services of a cultural or entertainment nature are offered;

(e) a place where sports are played or recreational activities are carried on;

(f) a rental hall or other place used to hold events, including conventions and conferences, or to hold receptions;

(g) a place where municipal or government services are available;

(h) a common area, including an elevator, of a tourist accommodation establishment;

(i) a building or room used by an educational institution, excluding an institution providing preschool education services or elementary or secondary school general education instructional services for youth;

(j) a train or bus station, a ferry terminal, a subway station or an airport; and

(k) a private health consulting room or office;

THAT it be prohibited for an operator of a public place to allow a person who is not wearing a face covering to enter the public place, or to tolerate the presence in the public place of a person not wearing a face covering, unless the person

(1) is less than 12 years of age;

(2) states that the wearing of a face covering is not possible because of the person's medical condition;

(3) is in the public place receiving care, being provided a service or engaging in a physical or other activity requiring the face covering be removed, in which case the person may remove the face covering for the duration of the care, service or activity;

(4) removes the face covering momentarily for identification purposes;

(5) works or practises his or her profession in the public place;

(6) is a member of the public or a student in a place referred to in the sixth paragraph in the operative part of Order in Council 689-2020 dated 25 June 2020, so long as the conditions set out in that paragraph are respected;

(7) is in a courtroom and is not covered by the preceding subparagraph, or is in a jury room;

(8) is consuming food or a beverage in a restaurant, in a food court at a shopping centre or food store, in a bar or in any other room used for the purposes of restaurant services or the consumption of beverages; or

(9) is seated in a place, excluding a place of worship, and complies with one of the following conditions:

(a) a distance of two metres is maintained between any other person who is neither an occupant of the same private residence or its equivalent nor a person providing a service or support; or

(b) the person is separated by a physical barrier able to limit contagion of any person who is neither an occupant of the same private residence or its equivalent nor a person providing a service or support;

THAT, despite subparagraph 5 of the preceding paragraph,

(1) it be prohibited for an operator to allow entry into an immovable, excluding a residential immovable, whether or not it is a public place, of any person, even one who works or practises his or her profession there, if the person is not wearing a face covering, or to tolerate the presence of the person in an entrance hall, a reception area or an elevator of the immovable if the person is not wearing a face covering;

(2) a person who works or practises his or her profession in a public place remain subject to the rules that apply in matters of occupational health and safety;

THAT any person who is guilty of an offence under section 139 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2) by reason of the person contravening the rules set out in this Order in Council be liable to a fine of \$400 to \$6000;

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 18 July 2020.