

## Ministerial Orders

### M.O., 2020

#### Order number 2020-003 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated 14 March 2020

Public Health Act  
(chapter S-2.2)

CONCERNING the ordering of measures to protect the health of the population during the COVID-19 pandemic situation

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,

CONCERNING section 118 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), which specifies 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 said Act to protect the health of the population;

CONCERNING order in council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, which declares a public health emergency throughout Québec for a period of 10 days;

CONCERNING that the said order in council authorizes the Minister of Health and Social Services to order any other measure necessary to protect the health of the population, pursuant to subparagraph 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the said Act;

CONCERNING that electoral polls and advance polls are scheduled for the period covered by the declaration of a public health emergency;

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

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

A returning officer must cancel any electoral poll and any advance poll connected to an electoral poll scheduled to be held during the period covered by the declaration of a public health emergency, as well as any advance poll held before the coming into force of this order that is connected to an electoral poll scheduled for a day included in that period; it being understood that such a cancellation does not affect the declaration of election of a person elected without opposition;

A returning officer must not publish a notice of election during the period covered by the declaration of a public health emergency.

Québec, 14 March 2020

DANIELLE MCCANN,  
*Minister of Health and Social Services*

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### M.O., 2020

#### Order number 2020-004 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated 15 March 2020

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(chapter S-2.2)

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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,

CONCERNING section 118 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), which specifies 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 said Act to protect the health of the population;

CONCERNING order in council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, which declares a public health emergency throughout Québec for a period of 10 days;

CONCERNING that the said order provides that childcare centres, day care centres, home childcare services and school childcare services must suspend their activities, but that services must be organized and provided for a child if one of the child's parents is employed by, or exercises a profession in, a health and social services institution or is a police officer, firefighter, ambulance technician, correctional services officer or special constable;

CONCERNING that the said order 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;