

## Orders in Council

Gouvernement du Québec

### O.C. 31-2021, 20 January 2021

Renewal of the public health emergency pursuant to section 119 of the Public Health Act

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, under the first paragraph of section 119 of the Act, the public health emergency declared by the Government is effective for a maximum period of ten days at the expiry of which it may be renewed, as many times as necessary, for a maximum period of ten days or, with the consent of the National Assembly, for a maximum period of 30 days;

WHEREAS, under section 121 of the Act, the public health emergency is effective as soon as it is declared or renewed;

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, until 22 July 2020 by Order in Council 807-2020 dated 15 July 2020, until 29 July 2020 by Order in Council 811-2020 dated 22 July 2020, until 5 August 2020 by Order in Council 814-2020 dated 29 July 2020, until 12 August 2020 by Order in Council 815-2020 dated 5 August 2020, until 19 August 2020 by Order in Council 818-2020 dated 12 August 2020, until 26 August 2020 by Order in Council 845-2020 dated 19 August 2020, until 2 September 2020 by Order in Council 895-2020 dated 26 August 2020, until 9 September 2020 by Order in Council 917-2020 dated 2 September 2020, until 16 September 2020 by Order in Council 925-2020 dated 9 September 2020, until 23 September 2020 by Order in Council 948-2020 dated 16 September 2020, until 30 September 2020 by Order in Council 965-2020 dated 23 September 2020, until 7 October 2020 by Order in Council 1000-2020 dated 30 September 2020, until 14 October 2020 by Order in Council 1023-2020 dated 7 October 2020, until 21 October 2020 by Order in Council 1051-2020 dated 14 October 2020, until 28 October 2020 by Order in Council 1094-2020 dated 21 October 2020, until 4 November 2020 by Order in Council 1113-2020 dated 28 October 2020, until 11 November 2020 by Order in Council 1150-2020 dated 4 November 2020, until 18 November 2020 by Order in Council 1168-2020 dated 11 November 2020, until 25 November 2020 by Order in Council 1210-2020 dated 18 November 2020, until 2 December 2020 by Order

in Council 1242-2020 dated 25 November 2020, until 9 December 2020 by Order in Council 1272-2020 dated 2 December 2020, until 18 December 2020 by Order in Council 1308-2020 dated 9 December 2020, until 25 December 2020 by Order in Council 1351-2020 dated 16 December 2020, until 1 January 2021 by Order in Council 1418-2020 dated 23 December 2020, until 8 January 2021 by Order in Council 1420-2020 dated 30 December 2020, until 15 January 2021 by Order in Council 1-2021 dated 6 January 2021 and until 22 January 2021 by Order in Council 3-2021 dated 13 January 2021;

WHEREAS, by Orders in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, 223-2020 dated 24 March 2020, 460-2020 dated 15 April 2020, 496-2020 dated 29 April 2020, 500-2020 dated 1 May 2020, 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, 530-2020 dated 19 May 2020, 539-2020 and 540-2020 dated 20 May 2020, 543-2020 dated 22 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, 708-2020 dated 30 June 2020, 788-2020 dated 8 July 2020, 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, 813-2020 dated 22 July 2020, 817-2020 dated 5 August 2020, 885-2020 dated 19 August 2020, 913-2020 dated 26 August 2020, 943-2020 dated 9 September 2020, 947-2020 dated 11 September 2020, 964-2020 dated 21 September 2020, 1020-2020 dated 30 September 2020, 1039-2020 dated 7 October 2020, 1145-2020 dated 28 October 2020, 1346-2020 dated 9 December 2020, 1419-2020 dated 23 December 2020 and 2-2021 dated 8 January 2021, the Government took certain measures to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS, by Ministerial Orders 2020-003 dated 14 March 2020, 2020-004 dated 15 March 2020, 2020-005 dated 17 March 2020, 2020-006 dated 19 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, 2020-011 dated 28 March 2020, 2020-012 dated 30 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, 2020-018 dated 9 April 2020, 2020-019 and 2020-020 dated 10 April 2020, 2020-021 dated 14 April 2020, 2020-022 dated 15 April 2020, 2020-023 dated 17 April 2020, 2020-025 dated 19 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, 2020-051 dated 10 July 2020, 2020-052 dated 19 July 2020, 2020-053 dated 1 August 2020, 2020-055 dated 6 August 2020, 2020-058 dated 17 August 2020, 2020-059 dated 26 August 2020, 2020-060 dated 28 August 2020, 2020-061 dated 1 September 2020, 2020-062 dated 4 September 2020, 2020-063 dated 11 September 2020, 2020-064 dated 17 September 2020, 2020-066 dated 18 September 2020, 2020-067 dated 19 September 2020, 2020-068 dated 20 September 2020, 2020-069 dated 22 September 2020, 2020-072 dated 25 September 2020, 2020-074 and 2020-075 dated 2 October 2020, 2020-076 dated 5 October 2020, 2020-077 dated 8 October 2020, 2020-078 dated 10 October 2020, 2020-079 dated 15 October 2020, 2020-080 dated 21 October 2020, 2020-081 dated 22 October 2020, 2020-082 dated 25 October 2020, 2020-084 dated 27 October 2020, 2020-085 dated 28 October 2020, 2020-086 dated 1 November 2020, 2020-087 dated 4 November 2020, 2020-088 dated 9 November 2020, 2020-090 dated 11 November 2020, 2020-091 dated 13 November 2020, 2020-093 dated 17 November 2020, 2020-094 dated 22 November 2020, 2020-096 dated 25 November 2020, 2020-097 dated 1 December 2020, 2020-099 and 2020-100 dated 3 December 2020, 2020-101 dated 5 December 2020, 2020-102 dated 9 December 2020, 2020-103 dated 13 December 2020, 2020-104 dated 15 December 2020, 2020-105 dated 17 December 2020, 2020-106 dated 20 December 2020, 2020-107 dated 23 December 2020, 2020-108 dated 30 December 2020 and 2021-001 dated 15 January 2021, the Minister also took certain measures to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS it is expedient to renew the public health emergency for a period of ten days;

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

THAT the public health emergency be renewed until 29 January 2021;

THAT the measures provided for in Orders in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, 460-2020 dated 15 April 2020, 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020, 651-2020 dated 17 June 2020, 689-2020 dated 25 June 2020, 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, 813-2020 dated 22 July 2020, 817-2020 dated 5 August 2020, 885-2020 dated 19 August 2020, 913-2020 dated 26 August 2020, 943-2020 dated 9 September 2020, 947-2020 dated 11 September 2020, 964-2020 dated 21 September 2020, 1020-2020 dated 30 September 2020, 1039-2020 dated 7 October 2020, 1145-2020 dated

28 October 2020 and 2-2021 dated 8 January 2021, and by Ministerial Orders 2020-004 dated 15 March 2020, 2020-007 dated 21 March 2020, 2020-008 dated 22 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, 2020-051 dated 10 July 2020, 2020-058 dated 17 August 2020, 2020-059 dated 26 August 2020, 2020-060 dated 28 August 2020, 2020-061 dated 1 September 2020, 2020-062 dated 4 September 2020, 2020-063 dated 11 September 2020, 2020-064 dated 17 September 2020, 2020-067 dated 19 September 2020, 2020-069 dated 22 September 2020, 2020-074 dated 2 October 2020, 2020-076 dated 5 October 2020, 2020-081 dated 22 October 2020, 2020-084 dated 27 October 2020, 2020-085 dated 28 October 2020, 2020-087 dated 4 November 2020, 2020-091 dated 13 November 2020, 2020-093 dated 17 November 2020, 2020-096 dated 25 November 2020, 2020-097 dated 1 December 2020, 2020-099 and 2020-100 dated 3 December 2020, 2020-102 dated 9 December 2020, 2020-104 dated 15 December 2020, 2020-105 dated 17 December 2020, 2020-106 dated 20 December 2020, 2020-107 dated 23 December 2020 and 2021-001 dated 15 January 2021, except to the extent that they were amended by those Orders in Council or Ministerial Orders, continue to apply until 29 January 2021 or until the Government or the Minister of Health and Social Services modifies or terminates them;

THAT the Minister of Health and Social Services be empowered to take any measure provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2).

YVES OUELLET,  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

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