Ministerial Orders

M.O., 2021

Order number 2021-058 of the Minister of Health and Social Services dated 13 August 2021

Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2)

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

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,

CONSIDERING 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;

CONSIDERING Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020 declaring a public health emergency throughout Québec for a period of 10 days;

CONSIDERING that the public health emergency has consistently been renewed since that date by various Orders in Council, including by Order in Council 1080-2021 dated 11 August 2021;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 885-2021 dated 23 June 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-049 dated 1 July 2021, 2021-050 dated 2 July 2021, 2021-053 dated 10 July 2021, 2021-055 dated 30 July 2021 and 2021-057 dated 4 August 2021, provides for, among other things, certain special measures to apply throughout Québec;

CONSIDERING that that Order in Council also empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to order any modification or clarification of the measures provided for in the Order;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 1080-2021 dated 11 August 2021 empowers the Minister of Health and Social Services to take any of the measures provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Public Health Act; CONSIDERING that 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 certain of the measures necessary to continue that protection;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the operative part of Order in Council 885-2021 dated 23 June 2021, amended by Ministerial Orders 2021-049 dated 1 July 2021, 2021-050 dated 2 July 2021, 2021-053 dated 10 July 2021, 2021-055 dated 30 July 2021 and 2021-057 dated 4 August 2021, be further amended

(1) by adding the following at the end of the fourth paragraph:

"(9) for students in classrooms of university institutions, colleges, private educational institutions providing college instructional services and any other institution providing college-level or university instructional services and in classrooms where educational and instructional adult general education and training services are provided, if the students are seated;";

(2) in the seventh paragraph,

(a) by replacing subparagraphs 1 to 3 by the following:

"(1) is less than 10 years of age and is not a student present in a building or a room used by an educational institution;

(2) is a child in preschool education present in a building or a room used by an educational institution or children at a vacation camp or day camp;

(3) is a student at the elementary or secondary level in general education for youth who is present in a classroom where educational and instructional services are provided;";

(b) by replacing subparagraph 8 by the following:

"(8) is a student sitting in a classroom of a university institution, college, private educational institution providing college instructional services or other institution providing college-level or university instructional services or ongoing training services or in a classroom where educational and instructional adult general education and training services are provided;"; (3) by replacing subparagraphs 1 and 2 of the ninth paragraph by the following:

"(1) the person is less than 10 years of age and is not a student present in a school bus;

(2) the person is a child in preschool education and is present in a school bus;";

(4) in the fourteenth paragraph,

(a) by striking out ", provided that a minimum distance of one metre is maintained between the children and students in different groups" in subparagraph a of subparagraph 13;

(b) by replacing "in the same group" in subparagraph iii of subparagraph b of subparagraph 14 and in subparagraph III of subparagraph ii of subparagraph cof subparagraph 16 by "in the same school";

(c) in subparagraph 21,

i. by replacing subparagraph ii of subparagraphs a and b by the following:

"ii. as part of an extracurricular activity or school outing by students in general education for youth in the same school;";

ii. by striking out ", provided that the students in different groups maintain, to the extent possible, a minimum distance of one metre" in subparagraph *c*;

(d) by adding the following at the end:

"(27) event-based or social activities taking place in a building or room used by an educational institution listed in Schedule I, or on its grounds, or organized by such an institution are suspended;

(28) students present in any building or room used by an educational institution listed in Schedule I must wear a procedural mask at all times, subject to the exceptions referred to in subparagraphs 4 to 7 of the seventh paragraph;";

(5) by adding the following Schedule at the end:

"Schedule I – Educational institutions in which special measures apply

- -Cégep d'Ahuntsic
- —Cégep de Rosemont
- -Cégep André-Laurendeau

- -Cégep Marie-Victorin
- —Cégep de Sept-Îles
- Institut Teccart
- -TAV College
- -Recording Arts Canada
- -Collège d'enseignement en immobilier inc.
- -Collège de l'immobilier du Québec
- -Collège l'Avenir de Rosemont inc.

—Institut de technologie agroalimentaire du Québec (La Pocatière campus)».

THAT this Order take effect on 16 August 2021.

Québec, 13 August 2021

CHRISTIAN DUBÉ Minister of Health and Social Services

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