Orders-in-Council

Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 543-2020, 22 May 2020

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

WHEREAS the World Health Organization declared a COVID-19 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 real and grave 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 in all of the territory of Québec for a period of 10 days;


WHEREAS Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020 orders in particular the prohibition of all indoor or outdoor assemblies, subject to certain exceptions;

WHEREAS during the public health emergency, despite any provisions to the contrary, the Government or the Minister of Health and Social Services, if she has been so empowered, may, without delay and without further formality, take any measure 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 COVID-19 pandemic situation makes it possible to relax certain measures taken to protect the health of the population while maintaining certain measures necessary to continue to protect it;

It is ordered, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Health and Social Services:

That paragraph 4 of the first paragraph of the first dash of the third paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020 be replaced by the following:

“(4) in the case of an outdoor assembly in a public place, in one of the following situations:
(a) if the persons assembled are the occupants of a single private residence or of that which serves that purpose;

(b) if a person receives a service or support from another person;

(c) if a minimum distance of two metres is maintained between the persons assembled;

(4.1) in the case of an outdoor assembly in a private place, in one of the following situations:

(a) if the persons assembled are the occupants of a single private residence or of that which serves that purpose;

(b) if a person receives a service or support from another person;

(c) if the persons assembled are a maximum of 10;

That the second paragraph of the first dash of the third paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020 be replaced by the following:

“For the purposes of paragraphs 1 to 3 and subparagraph c of paragraph 4.1 of the first paragraph, assembled persons must, as much as possible, maintain a minimum distance of two metres between them.”.

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Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 544-2020, 27 May 2020

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;

