

**Ministerial Order 2022-007 of the Minister of Health and Social Services
dated 23 January 2022**

Public Health Act
(chapter S-2.2)

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

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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 51-2022 dated 19 January 2022;

CONSIDERING that Order in Council 1173-2001 dated 1 September 2021, amended by Order in Council 1276-2021 dated 24 September 2021, and by Ministerial Orders 2021-067 dated 8 October 2021, 2021-079 and 2021-081 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-082 dated 17 November 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021 and 2022-004 dated 15 January 2022, provides that a person must be adequately protected to enter certain places or participate in certain activities;

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 51-2022 dated 19 January 2022 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 it is advisable to order certain measures to protect the health of the population;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the operative part of Order in Council 1173-2001 dated 1 September 2021, amended by Order in Council 1276-2021 dated 24 September 2021, and by Ministerial Orders 2021-067 dated 8 October 2021, 2021-079 and 2021-081 dated 14 November 2021, 2021-082 dated 17 November 2021, 2021-089 dated 19 December 2021 and 2022-004 dated 15 January 2022, be further amended

(1) by inserting the following before the first paragraph:

"THAT, for the purposes of this Order in Council, "sales and service area" be taken to mean the total area reserved for sales, services related to sales, vehicle repair and maintenance, and for the public to have access to products and services, and includes circulation areas, spaces where payment is made and, if applicable, food preparation areas if the person assigned to that area is also responsible for serving clients;"

(2) by inserting the following in the third paragraph after subparagraph 4.1:

"(4.2) every vehicle repair and maintenance centre and every wholesale or retail trade outlet, if their sales and service area is 1,500 square metres or more, except

(a) a grocery store whose principal activity consists in retailing a general line of grocery items;

(b) access to the common areas of a shopping centre;

(c) a pharmacy;

(d) a service station;

(3) by inserting the following after the fourth paragraph:

"THAT, despite subparagraph 4.2 of the third paragraph, a person not adequately protected against COVID-19 who enters a pharmacy situated in a wholesale or retail trade outlet that has a sales area of 1,500 square metres or more to receive a pharmaceutical service be accompanied at all times while moving through the outlet by an employee of the outlet, of the pharmacy or of any other person mandated to that effect by the outlet or pharmacy, and not be able to purchase products other than those related to the pharmaceutical service being received;"

THAT the measures set out in this Order take effect on 24 January 2022.

Québec, 23 January 2022

CHRISTIAN DUBÉ
Minister of Health and Social Services