

**Order 2020-4251 of the Chief Justice of Québec and the Minister of Justice dated
15 March 2020**

Code of Civil Procedure
(chapter C-25.01)

CONCERNING the suspension of prescription and
procedural periods and the use of another means
of communication by reason of the public health
emergency declared on 13 March 2020

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF QUÉBEC AND THE MINISTER OF
JUSTICE, JOINTLY,

CONSIDERING the first paragraph of article 27 of the Code of Civil
Procedure (chapter C-25.01) which provides that, in a state of emergency declared by
the Government, the Chief Justice of Québec and the Minister of Justice may jointly
suspend or extend a prescription or procedural period or authorize the use of another
means of communication in the manner they specify;

CONSIDERING the second paragraph of the said article, which
provides for their decision to take effect immediately;

CONSIDERING section 85 of the Youth Protection Act
(chapter P-34.1) which provides that the provisions of Book I of the Code of Civil
Procedure apply to applications made under Chapter V of the said Act;

CONSIDERING order in council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020 in
which the government declares a public health emergency;

ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Extinctive prescription and terms for forfeiture in civil matters are suspended until the expiry of the period of the declaration of public health emergency provided for in order in council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020.

Similarly, procedural periods in civil matters are suspended during the same period, with the exception of cases deemed urgent by the courts.

During this period, a civil pleading served on the Attorney General of Québec may also be served on bernardroy@justice.gouv.qc.ca, for the judicial districts of Beauharnois, Bedford, Drummond, Gatineau, Iberville, Joliette, Labelle, Laval, Longueuil, Mégantic, Montréal, Pontiac, Richelieu, Saint-François, Saint-Hyacinthe and Terrebonne, or on lavoie-rousseau@justice.gouv.qc.ca for other districts.

If the public health emergency provided for in order in council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020 is renewed, the measures provided for in this order are renewed for an equivalent period.

This order to take effect immediately.

Montréal, 15 March 2020



SONIA LEBEL

Minister of Justice



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Chief Justice of Québec