

# Quebec: Falsification of Mortality Data Pertaining to Covid-19

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According to a [directive from Quebec's Ministry of Health](#) :

*"If the presumed cause of death is Covid-19 (with or without a positive test) an autopsy should be avoided [emphasis in original document] and death should be attributed to Covid-19 as the probable cause of death. In addition, deaths whose probable cause is Covid-19 are considered natural, and are not subject to a coroner's notice. "*

The directive does not allow the counting of co-morbidities. And if the family of the deceased does not accept the Covid-19 categorization (which incidentally requires no PCR test), the autopsy request procedures are complex (almost impossible, two hospitals for the whole of Quebec, see document below).

This directive dated Thursday, April 16, 2020 was conducive to an immediate sharp increase in the number of deaths attributed to Covid-19: 44.9% of total deaths in Quebec are attributed to Covid-19 (week of 11-18 April 2020).

Read carefully the text of the directive sent to the managers of the OPTILAB clusters (the clinical-administrative and medical co-directors). (Les Grappes - OPTILAB are the medical biology laboratories)

PAR COURRIER ÉLECTRONIQUE

Québec, le 16 avril 2020

AUX DIRECTRICES CLINICO-ADMINISTRATIVES ET DIRECTEURS  
CLINICO-ADMINISTRATIFS DES GRAPPES OPTILAB

AUX DIRECTRICES MÉDICALES ET DIRECTEURS MÉDICAUX DES GRAPPES  
OPTILAB

Mesdames,  
Messieurs,

Le ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS) est conscient des impacts de la pandémie de COVID-19 sur l'offre de service en autopsie. Pour cette raison, nous vous transmettons les orientations suivantes afin de vous aider à gérer les demandes à cet égard.

- Si la cause présumée du décès est la COVID-19 (avec ou sans test positif), une autopsie **doit être évitée** et le décès doit être attribué à la COVID-19 comme cause probable. De plus, les décès dont la cause probable est attribuable à la COVID-19 sont considérés comme naturels et ne font pas l'objet d'un avis au coroner.
- La Loi sur la recherche des causes et des circonstances des décès (RLRQ, chapitre R-0.2) s'applique et les autopsies demandées par un coroner chez des personnes n'ayant pas de COVID-19 soupçonnée ou confirmée se poursuivent dans les établissements de santé et de services sociaux qui offrent normalement ce service.
- Le MSSS désigne deux centres pour pratiquer les autopsies chez les personnes suspectées ou confirmées d'être atteintes de la COVID-19, dont la cause présumée du décès **n'est pas** la COVID-19 :
  - Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM);
  - Institut universitaire de cardiologie et de pneumologie de Québec – Université Laval (IUCPQ – UL).

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- La réalisation d'autopsies dans les deux centres désignés est soumise aux règles suivantes :
  - Toute demande d'autopsies des établissements de santé et de services sociaux situés à l'ouest de Trois-Rivières doit être adressée au pathologiste de garde aux autopsies du CHUM, et les demandes d'autopsies des établissements situés à Trois-Rivières et à l'est de cette ville doivent être adressées au pathologiste de garde aux autopsies de l'IUCPQ – UL;
  - Le demandeur doit communiquer avec le pathologiste de garde avant d'autoriser le transport du corps vers le CHUM ou l'IUCPQ – UL et fournir les informations suivantes :
    - o Coordonnées pour la transmission du rapport préliminaire d'autopsie et du rapport définitif d'autopsie au demandeur et au directeur de la santé publique de la région concernée;
    - o Autorisation/consentement à l'autopsie;
    - o Informations cliniques (copie des notes d'admission/ transfert/évolution, constat de décès, copie des rapports d'examen de radiologie et de laboratoire pertinents, notamment tout résultat de test pour le SARS-CoV-2).
  - La décision d'accepter ou de refuser de pratiquer l'autopsie est prise par le pathologiste, en fonction des éléments suivants :
    - o les indications cliniques;
    - o l'état de conservation du cadavre (ex. : putréfaction);
    - o la disponibilité des équipements de protection individuelle;
    - o la disponibilité des ressources humaines dédiées aux autopsies (pathologistes et technologistes);
    - o l'accessibilité aux salles d'autopsie à pression négative.
- Lorsque l'autopsie est acceptée par le pathologiste, le transport inter-régional des corps est autorisé, et ce, même si la région sociosanitaire ou le territoire d'origine est à accès limité ou en confinement.
- Le corps doit être retourné dans sa région sociosanitaire d'origine après l'autopsie.
- Le demandeur et le directeur de la santé publique de la région sociosanitaire d'origine doivent recevoir une copie du rapport préliminaire d'autopsie et du rapport définitif d'autopsie, incluant tout résultat de test pour le SARS-CoV-2 effectué lors de l'autopsie.

Veillez agréer, Mesdames, Messieurs, l'expression de nos sentiments les meilleurs.

La sous-ministre adjointe,



Lucie Opatrny, M.D., M.Sc., MHCM

c. c. Dr Martin Clavet, Bureau du coroner  
 Me Pascale Descary, Bureau du coroner  
 M. Yvan Gendron, MSSS  
 M. Daniel Riverin, Bureau du coroner

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The directive is issued on April 16, 2020.

Four days later, Monday April 21, 2020, *La Presse* (Montreal) reports that Covid-19 has become:

“... the main cause of death in Quebec, beating the daily average of deaths attributable to cancer and heart disease”

“The coronavirus, with 62 deaths recorded in the last 24 hours [20-21 April 2020], also claims more lives than the flu, alzheimer’s, road accidents and all the other causes of death listed by Health public.

According to *La Presse*, April [2020] was the deadliest month . But did *La Presse* consult the directives of the Ministry of Health:

**Avril 2020 a été le mois le plus meurtrier des 10 dernières années. Avec 7662 décès, la province a enregistré 37,5 % plus de morts que la moyenne d’avril des cinq dernières années, révèlent des données préliminaires de la Direction de l’état civil du Québec.**

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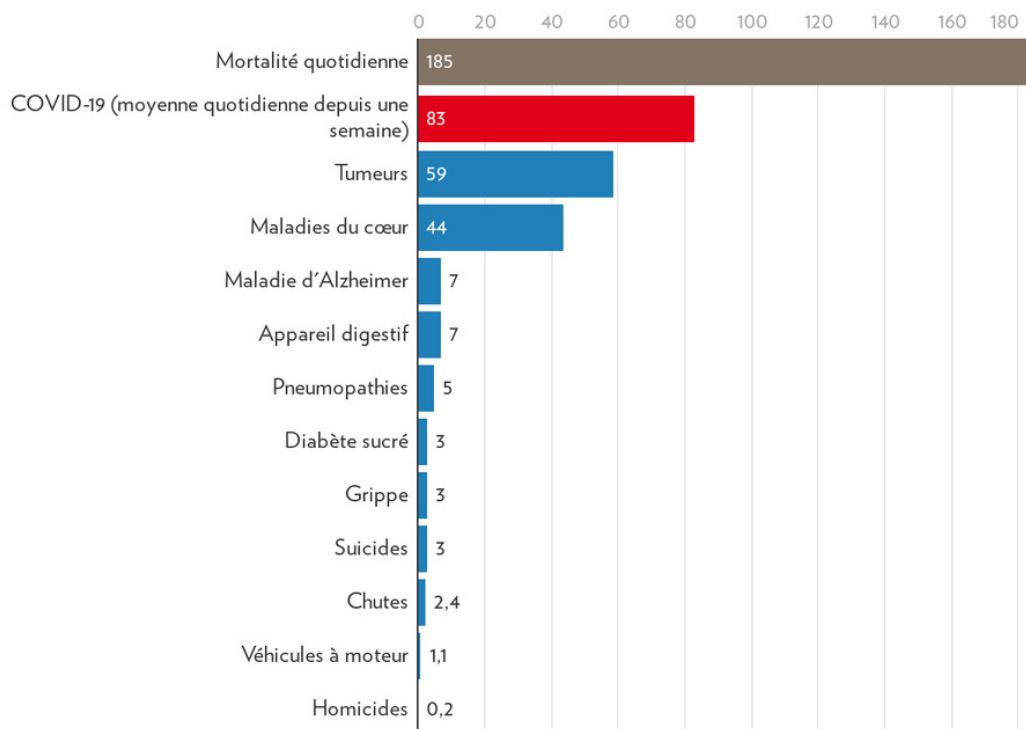


Similarly, *Le Devoir* confirms that COVID-19 [had become deadly precisely in April 2020](#), at the very moment when the Ministry imposed its new guidelines concerning the Covid to the OPTILAB grappes labs.

And below is the (daily) mortality statement for Quebec corresponding to the week of April 12 to 18, 2020 measured according to the [criteria issued by the Ministry of Health](#).

### Moyenne des décès quotidiens au Québec

■ Mortalité quotidienne ■ COVID-19 (moyenne quotidienne depuis une semaine)



Source : INSPQ, année 2018 pour les maladies, 2016 pour les chutes, accidents de véhicule, suicides et homicides



Are these figures the result of the so-called deadly pandemic?

Or is it the result of the Ministry of Health’s “guidelines” based on erroneous criteria? See below:

- “presumed” case pertaining to Covid,
- “With or without a positive test”,
- “probable” cause of death,
- “Autopsy should be avoided” in the case of Covid-19.
- “Deaths of which the probable cause is Covid-19, are considered natural, and are not the object of a notice to the coroner “

Mortality statistics go fly high following the implementation of the Ministry guidelines.

It is not even necessary to require a “confirmed positive cause” (PCR test) to establish that the death is caused by the virus. Covid-19 “presumed cause” (which proves absolutely nothing) is sufficient. It meets the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

Are the criteria dictated by the Ministry valid? Do they abide by scientific and medical standards?

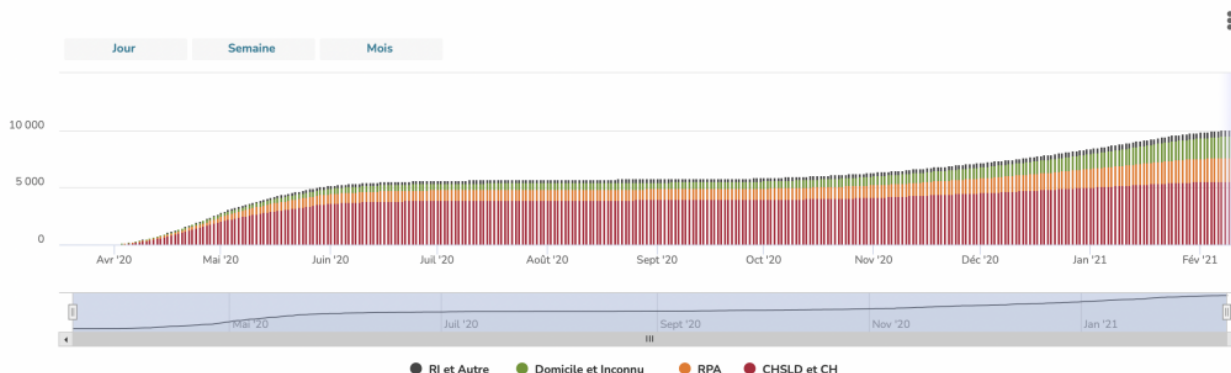
These directives of April 16, 2020 have triggered a surge in mortality figures in Quebec attributed to the virus. (See figure below).

See [the progression of mortality from April 2020](#) (figures from April 11 are categorized according to the April 16, 2020 guideline).

## 2 - Décès

### 2.1 - Évolution du nombre cumulatif de décès liés à la COVID-19 au Québec selon le milieu de vie et la date de décès

Le nombre de décès présenté dans ce graphique est légèrement inférieur au nombre total de décès présenté dans les journaux, car la date de décès est manquante dans certains cas.



CHSLD : centre d'hébergement de soins de longue durée; RPA : résidence privée pour aînés; RI : ressource intermédiaire.  
CH: Unité de soins de longue durée en centre hospitalier

There were no cases of death (attributable to Covid) in Quebec before March 18, 2020. And all of a sudden in April the death figures associated with Covid-19 go fly high, thereby becoming the leading cause of death in Quebec.

[In April, 1989 deaths associated with COVID-19](#) were reported by the National Institute of Public Health of Quebec (INSPQ).

This flawed methodology has allowed the government to claim that Covid is the main cause of “excess mortality” compared to previous years.

It is also used to distort the causes of mortality in the CHSLDs [Quebec’s nursing homes].

And most of the media contend (without examining the directives of the Ministry) that it is the virus which caused a death trap [hecatomb] in the CHSLDs” ( [Le Devoir](#) ).

This rise of the mortality statistics pertaining to Covid-19 has contributed to triggering a fear campaign. It is also being used by the Legault government to justify diabolical measures imposed on Quebecers including the curfew and a partial closure of the national economy (which has been conducive to creating mass unemployment).

Deaths in the CHSLD are not attributable to the Covid

The estimate of mortality in Quebec associated with covid-19 since April 2020 is of the order of 10,000. While this Loss of Life constitutes a National Tragedy for Quebecers, it raises the question of causality.

Is it not what we might describe as A Big Lie on the part of the Ministry of Health and the Legault government? According to Mr. Paul G. Brunet, of the Council for the protection of the sick (CPM):

“... We realized through the denunciations by some of the doctors that people did not die from COVID, but from dehydration, malnutrition, abandonment, laments Mr. Brunet. So what did the thousands of people in CHSLDs and private residences really die of?”

[Public](#) hearings [by the Coroner’s Office](#) on the deaths that occurred in the CHSLDs and residential nursing homes during the COVID-19 pandemic begin on February 15, 2021.

Let us take the opportunity of these public hearings to confront the Legault government.

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