



## NOTICE TO OUR MEMBERS

Montréal, March 13, 2020

Dear members,

Yesterday at noon, Québec Premier François Legault announced a number of measures to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). One of these measures concerns indoor gatherings of more than 250 people. The premier requested that organizers cancel these events, as well as any other events that are not considered essential.

The GMMQ recommends that you contact the producer who hired you to check whether a show, concert or event that requires your presence has been cancelled. We have already been advised that a significant number of shows and concerts will be cancelled following the announcement.

We understand that musicians want to know if they will be paid for these engagements. Because of the large number of applicable collective agreements and contracts, the GMMQ will need to check the text of these agreements and contracts for each situation that is brought to its attention. Please be assured that the GMMQ will use all the means at its disposal to ensure that your rights are respected. For any questions, we invite you to contact the GMMQ's Labour Relations Services.

In his statement, Premier Legault also indicated that financial measures would be announced to compensate individuals working in the private sector. We are working closely with other labour organizations in the arts to ensure that all artists who are financially affected are compensated. We will update you on the specifics of these measures as soon as they are made public.

Please know that we are doing everything we can to respond to a high volume of calls. It is preferable to contact us by email rather than by telephone, since it is easier for us to help you if we have the details of your situation in writing.

In solidarity,

Luc Fortin  
President

*We invite you to follow us on social media and visit our website for updates on the latest developments.*



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