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Governor Phil Murphy on Monday, May 17, signed Executive Order No. 241, eliminating the requirement of masks in outdoor public spaces, which was established under Executive Order No. 163 (2020). The Order reaffirms the masking requirement in indoor public spaces and workplaces.

The order took effect immediately.

This would include public outdoor spaces at farmers markets and county agricultural fairs, but those operations also have the ability to continue to require masks in situations where people cannot socially distance. The directives of individual operations should be adhered to as referenced below from Executive Order No. 241:

“Employers and entities are permitted to impose stricter requirements regarding mask-wearing in outdoor settings for employees, customers, guests, or other individuals. The provision in Executive Order No. 239 (2021) requiring six feet of distance between attendees at an outdoor gathering, with certain limited exceptions, remains in effect.”

The full text of Executive Order No. 241 can be read here:

<https://nj.gov/infobank/eo/056murphy/pdf/EO-241.pdf>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Fisher", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Douglas Fisher