

## Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order 152, Setting Forth Guidelines for Indoor and Outdoor Gatherings

Nearly three months have passed since New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy issued his stay-at-home order that effectively closed down the state in an effort to stem the spread of the coronavirus. As of June 11, New Jersey has seen a confirmed statewide count of 165,816 COVID-19 cases with 12,443 confirmed fatalities. The number of cases and hospitalizations, however, have been steadily declining since mid-April, and indication that the Governor's actions have successfully flattened the curve to date.

As a result, on June 9, 2020 Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 152 (EO 152), which sets forth guidelines for the easing of the restrictions imposed by his March 9 declarations of a public health emergency and state of emergency, along with subsequent EOs imposing certain social mitigation strategies to reduce the rate of community spread of the virus. Through EO 152, the Governor is attempting to strike a balance by phasing in the reopening of public gatherings while limiting the potential for a second wave of COVID-19 cases.

The guidelines set forth in EO 152 are summarized below and take effect immediately:

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