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# Governor Murphy and Superintendent Callahan Announce Administrative Order Prohibiting Smoking in the Indoor Portions of Casinos Open to the Public

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**TRENTON** – Governor Phil Murphy and State Police Superintendent Colonel Pat Callahan today announced Administrative Order 2020-19, which prohibits smoking in the indoor areas of any casino or casino simulcasting facility that are open to the public.

“We have looked closely at the science and agree with the experts who have concluded that allowing smoking indoors at our casinos is too big of a risk to take,” **said Governor Murphy**. “This action ensures that we can minimize the risk of transmission through second hand smoke on our casino floors.”

The order was issued in consultation with Commissioner of Health Judith Persichilli, who has advised that smoking on casino floors poses a particularly high danger and that a temporary ban on smoking on casino floors is necessary to protect the large number of individuals on casino floors, including casino employees and other casino patrons. The order takes effect at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 5, 2020.

For a copy of the Administrative Order, please click here ([https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200904/40/4d/4c/06/73e5a0ea537387dc21394a0d/AO\\_2020-19.pdf](https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20200904/40/4d/4c/06/73e5a0ea537387dc21394a0d/AO_2020-19.pdf)).

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