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AN ACT concerning masks and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) mandates and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

Prohibits requiring individuals who have received COVID-19 vaccine to wear masks indoors.

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AN ACT concerning masks and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) mandates and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Notwithstanding the provision of any executive order, law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and in accordance with federal guidance published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on May 13, 2021, no person shall be required to wear a mask indoors if that person has received a COVID-19 vaccine.

2. This act shall take effect take effect immediately.

#### STATEMENT

This bill prohibits requiring individuals who have received a coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine to wear masks indoors.

This bill provides that, in accordance with federal guidance published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on May 13, 2021, no person is to be required to wear a mask indoors if that person has received a COVID-19 vaccine.

Citing scientific evidence, the CDC issued new guidance on May 13, 2021 stating that individuals who have received a COVID-19 vaccine were no longer required to wear masks indoors due to the minimal risk posed by vaccinated persons.

Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, and Washington D.C. have all announced changes to mask rules in response to the CDC's new guidance.

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