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Says he’s reluctant to allow indoor dining amid spike in COVID-19 cases in other states

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—Gov. Phil Murphy

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