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TRENTON – The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, under the Division of the New Jersey State Police, has extended the mandatory travel restriction in response to the severe winter storm impacting the state. The restriction, which began at **9:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, 2026**, will now remain in effect until **12:00 noon on Monday, February 23, 2026**. This extension is necessary due to ongoing hazardous conditions, including heavy snowfall, blizzard-like conditions, and strong winds that continue to create dangerous travel situations across N Jersey. >>

Residents are urged to avoid all non-essential travel until the restriction is lifted. Roadway crews are working diligently to clear roadways and ensure public safety.

Travel Restriction Details:

- All non-exempt vehicles are prohibited from operating on state, county, municipal, and interstate roadways during this period.
- The New Jersey Turnpike is exempt from this restriction.
- Violators may face penalties under state law.

Exemptions:

The travel restriction does not apply to:

- Emergency and public safety vehicles and personnel
- Public works and snow removal crews
- Public transportation vehicles and personnel
- Government officials conducting official business
- Utility company vehicles and personnel
- Healthcare workers and urgent medical travel
- Personnel supporting emergency shelter operations and human services facilities
- Delivery of critical medical supplies and services to healthcare facilities
- News media
- Private snow removal contractors
- Patients seeking urgent critical care and their escorts
- Travel necessary to maintain critical infrastructure and essential services, including energy, fuel, food, pharmacies, and hardware stores
- Personnel supporting airline and airport operations

This measure is intended to safeguard lives and allow emergency and utility crews to clear roads and restore essential services as quickly as possible.

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