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**TRENTON** – The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management under the Division of the New Jersey State Police have issued a **mandatory travel restriction** beginning **9:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, 2026**, and ending **7:00 a.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026**, in response to a major winter storm expected to bring heavy snow, blizzard conditions, and strong winds across the state.

Governor Sherrill declared a State of Emergency on Saturday, February 21, 2026, effective Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 12:00 p.m., to protect public safety and ensure timely snow removal and emergency response.

## 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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