

Q. Can food delivery trucks travel on Pennsylvania roads in an emergency?

A. A [2008 PEMA Directive](#) authorizes food deliveries during emergencies. The purpose of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Directive is to provide guidance with regard to which persons are authorized to travel on highways after the occurrence of a declared disaster that affects travel in the Commonwealth. On page three of the directive, letter "K" references "food delivery and personnel involved in the pickup or delivery of milk" as essential and cleared for travel.

Businesses are asked to develop a preparedness plan which identifies key personnel and all hours staffing. During an emergency, key staff that are traveling will need a credential badge identifier issued from their place of work, a driver's license and the filled out letter that can be located on page 5 of the pdf file. This letter text can be placed on your own company letterhead. In addition, if roads are clearly impassable, key staff credentials and the directive letter will not gain passage on to roads. *Please note that counties and municipalities have the option to choose not to honor this state issued directive.*