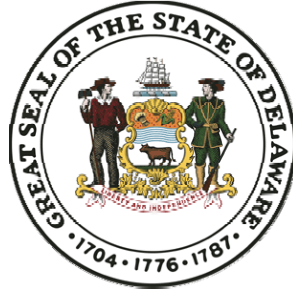


State of Delaware



**Executive Department
Dover**

**COUNTINUATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY AND DECLARATION OF A
LEVEL II DRIVING RESTRICTION FOR NEW CASTLE AND KENT COUNTIES
EFFECTIVE AT 8:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016**

DUE TO BLIZZARD CONDITIONS AND COASTAL FLOODING

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware is currently experiencing a significant winter storm, with blizzard conditions reported in New Castle and Kent Counties; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2016, I declared a State of Emergency, and imposed a Level I Driving Restriction on the entire State effective January 23, 2016 at 12:00 a.m. (the “January 22 Order”); and

WHEREAS, as part of the January 22 Order, I gave notice that additional driving restrictions were likely to be implemented if conditions did not improve; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security, the Delaware Department of Transportation, and other state agencies and officials, I have determined that current weather conditions are such that additional driving restrictions are in the best interest of the State and its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JACK A. MARKELL, pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, do hereby amend the January 22, 2016, Order by specifically directing and authorizing as follows:

1. As of **January 23, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.** and until further notice, a **Level 2 Driving Restriction** is in effect for New Castle and Kent Counties. Until this restriction is lifted, no person shall operate a motor vehicle on a Delaware roadway, unless such person is considered “essential personnel” within the meaning of Delaware law. Such personnel include emergency workers, individuals maintaining or repairing public utilities, healthcare providers including hospital staff, snow removal equipment operators, food and fuel delivery personnel, and employees of any industry, company or organization that has applied for and been granted a waiver from the driving restriction, including businesses with pressing continuity and operational issues.
2. The Level 1 Driving Warning remains in effect for Sussex County, Delaware. Any person operating a motor vehicle shall exercise extra caution in the operation of that vehicle for the duration of the emergency. Nonessential employees, regardless of whether employed by a public or private entity, are encouraged not to operate a motor vehicle for the duration of the emergency, unless there is a significant safety, health or business reason to do so. State and local officials are directed to remove abandoned vehicles from roads in affected areas at the expense of the vehicle owner.
3. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the January 22 Order remains in full force and effect.
4. I reserve the right to take or direct state or local authorities to take, without issuance of further written order, any other necessary actions authorized by Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code to respond to this emergency.

APPROVED this 23rd of January, 2016, at 7:30 a.m.

Jack Markell

Governor