

COVID-19 Truck Parking Rest-Stop Update *March 30, 2020*

Trucks are essential in maintaining our critical supply chains. Their activities need to be supported, including providing sufficient and secure rest areas, food, fuel and bathrooms, as well as repair and maintenance facilities. Some rest areas on key freight corridors are now open, though may be limited in facilities. The OCTC, in partnership with the MAP Forum, gathered key resources to inform the public on the rapidly changing COVID-19 response.

As these critical supply chains are a regional issue, we want to reach out to the involved agencies and our OCTC members to make you aware of these issues. This has an impact on all of our local economies.

Regional Rest Area Status

Here is a current compilation of regional rest area status, as of this morning, with many thanks to the MAP Forum members who reached out to their respective agencies:

- **New Jersey rest areas:** NJ Turnpike rest areas that are not under construction are open. Vince Lombardi we presently have parking, restrooms, and vending, this location is currently being rebuilt as well. The private truck stops in New Jersey are open, with two partial exceptions as of now: Knowlton and Carney's Point. Buildings only have vending machines and restrooms. Both buildings were closed yesterday. All parking facilities are open and PVMS were deployed to say PARKING OPEN: BUILDING CLOSED (both of these facilities are relatively small).
- **Connecticut rest areas** – All CT service plazas will remain open 24/7.
- **New York rest areas** – are currently open according to NYSDOT.
- **New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT)** – currently working with NYC Emergency Management and Operations.
- **Pennsylvania Turnpike rest areas** –The reopened rest areas, with normal service with additional cleaning and maintenance are listed below. The department will continue to evaluate and will determine whether additional rest areas can be reopened. As of March 30, 2020, an additional five locations have reopened:
 - Interstate 79 northbound in Greene County, 5 miles north of Exit 1;
 - Interstate 80 eastbound in Luzerne County, 8.5 miles east of Exit 262;
 - Interstate 80 eastbound in Monroe County, 1 mile east of I-80/I-380;
 - Interstate 83 northbound in York County, 2.5 miles north of the Maryland state line; and
 - Interstate 90 eastbound in Erie County, 3 miles east of the Ohio state line.

The below locations were previously reopened:

- Interstate 79 northbound in Allegheny County, 8 miles north of Exit 45;
- Interstate 79 northbound in Crawford County, 8 miles north of Exit 154;
- Interstate 79 southbound in Crawford County, 3 miles south of Exit 166;
- Interstate 79 northbound in Lawrence County, 3.5 miles north of Exit 105;
- Interstate 79 southbound in Lawrence County, 3.5 miles south of Exit 113;
- Interstate 79 northbound in Mercer County, 5 miles south of Exit 141;
- Interstate 79 southbound in Mercer County, 6 miles north of Exit 130;
- Interstate 80 eastbound in Centre County, 13 miles east of Exit 133;

- Interstate 80 westbound in Centre County, .5 miles west of Exit 147;
- Interstate 80 eastbound in Jefferson County, 1 mile east of Exit 86;
- Interstate 80 westbound in Jefferson County, 10 miles west of Exit 97;
- Interstate 80 eastbound in Montour County, 4.5 miles east of Exit 215;
- Interstate 80 westbound in Montour County, 4.5 miles west of Exit 224;
- Interstate 80 eastbound in Venango County, .5 miles east of Exit 29;
- Interstate 80 westbound in Venango County, 4 miles west of Exit 35;
- Interstate 81 northbound in Cumberland County, .5 miles north of Exit 37;
- Interstate 81 southbound in Cumberland County, 5.5 miles south of Exit 44;
- Interstate 81 northbound in Lackawanna County, .5 miles north of Exit 202;
- Interstate 81 northbound in Luzerne County, 1.5 miles north of Exit 155;
- Interstate 81 southbound in Luzerne County, 1.5 miles south of Exit 159;
- Interstate 81 southbound in Susquehanna County, 4 miles south of Exit 211;
- Interstate 84 eastbound in Pike County, 6 miles east of Exit 20; and
- Interstate 84 westbound in Pike County, 1 mile west of Exit 26.

PennDOT's 30 rest areas were temporarily closed statewide on March 17 in response to Governor Tom Wolf's mitigation guidance regarding COVID-19 to ensure that proper safety and sanitation protocols were in place. On March 24, 23 select rest areas across Pennsylvania to all motorists, including the 13 facilities in critical locations that were reopened March 18 with portable restrooms and handwashing facilities. For more information, visit www.dmv.pa.gov or www.PennDOT.gov.

REMINDERS:

The PA Turnpike is not accepting cash or credit cards at its "ticket system" interchanges. This is a temporary safety measure to keep travelers moving with no need to stop at tollbooths or interact with tolling personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic. All tolls will be assessed electronically via E-ZPass or the PA Turnpike's TOLL BY PLATE program as vehicles travel at posted speed limits through tolling points. Cash tolls will still be in place on the Mon-Fayette Expressway (PA Turnpike 43) via the current Automated Payment Machines.

All those with special hauling permits for overweight/over-dimensional vehicles (Class 9) will still be able to travel the PA Turnpike. However, they must follow modified procedures during the temporary all-electronic tolling period. All customers in this category must print and carry a hard copy of the approved permit. Tolling personnel at designated interchanges will be available to assist with the appropriate lane assignments. All haulers must apply for a permit within two weeks of the anticipated travel day.

All scheduled construction projects have been halted at this time to keep customers moving, as well as, to limit worker interaction.

Prior to traveling on the PA Turnpike, customers should visit PATurnpike.com for updated information on any operational changes due to COVID-19.

To report an accident or other emergency on the PA Turnpike, dial *11 via mobile phone. To learn more about PA Turnpike conditions or to contact us, use one of these resources:

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- **Variable & Digital Message Signs** - there are 1,150 NYSDOT cameras and more than 550 NYSDOT VMS boards connected to DOT's 10 Transportation Management Centers and publicly accessible via 511NY.
- **Highway Advisory Radio** — 1610 AM for the following interchanges: Newburgh, Kingston, and Albany; 530 AM for NYC area/Mario Cuomo Bridge.

BY PHONE

- **Road Conditions 1-800-THRUWAY**
- **NYSDOT, Region 8 Contact**
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ON THE WEB

- Check the NY roadways at: www.511NY.com
- **Waze** — a crowd-sourced navigation app that provides real-time traffic conditions with input from other drivers; download at <https://www.waze.com>

If you have local concerns or issues raised by freight carriers in your community, contact us at OCTC@orangecountygov.com and we will keep our partner agencies apprised.