

**Snow Emergency Restrictions on Non-Essential Travel FAQ****Kapil Longani**
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The snow emergency is in effect from 6:00 AM on Monday, February 1, 2021 until 6:00 AM on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

Am I allowed to drive in the City, during the snow emergency?

We strongly encourage you to stay off the roads for the duration of the snow emergency. Emergency Executive Order 178 sets out the categories of people that may operate a vehicle on City streets and highways for the purposes of performing their job duties. Those categories include:

- First responders
- Healthcare and homecare workers
- Police officers
- Peace officers
- City government workers in accordance with their agency directives
- Workers delivering food, medical supplies, or fuel
- News media
- Hotel workers
- Homeless shelter and outreach workers
- Utility workers performing emergency repairs
- Persons employed by pharmacies, grocery stores (including all food and beverage stores), convenience stores, bodegas, gas stations, laundromats, hotels, restaurants/bars, and hardware stores
- Individuals seeking medical treatment or medical supplies
- Taxis and for-hire vehicles, used to transport persons employed to perform any of these services to and from their places of employment

May I pick-up takeout from my favorite restaurant?

Yes, however, you should walk or take public transportation. We strongly encourage that you stay off the roads during the snow emergency for all non-essential travel. (If you plan to take public transportation, please check for service changes before you go.)

What happens if I violate the restrictions on non-essential travel?

We fully expect that all New Yorkers will cooperate in the interest of public safety.

For the very few individuals that refuse to cooperate and do not fall within the exempted categories set out in Emergency Executive Order 178, additional enforcement action will be considered, including but not limited to fines.