

FMCSA Extends Exemption of Medical Certificates Through May 31, 2021

Extension applies to motor carriers and drivers providing *direct assistance* in support of relief efforts related to the COVID-19 public health emergency and is limited to the transportation of:

1. Livestock and livestock feed.
2. Medical supplies and equipment related to the testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19.
3. Vaccines, constituent products, and medical supplies and equipment including ancillary supplies/kits for the administration of vaccines, related to the prevention of COVID-19.
4. Supplies and equipment necessary for community safety, sanitation, and prevention of community transmission of COVID-19 such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, soap and disinfectants.
5. Food, paper products and other groceries for emergency restocking of distribution centers or stores.

Direct assistance does not include routine commercial deliveries, including mixed loads with a nominal quantity of qualifying emergency relief added to obtain the benefits of this emergency declaration.

FMCSA also noted that it is their intention to wind down the exemptions granted under this emergency declaration and related COVID-19 regulatory relief measures to the extent possible.