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Topic: How to Support Truck Drivers during the Coronavirus Crisis

The Coronavirus global pandemic has led to unprecedented hoarding that has created havoc in the supply chain. Truck drivers, many who are not paid by the hour are working under suspended hours of service regulations to replenish store shelves. Unlike hospital workers and warehouse workers, truck drivers have very little access to bathroom facilities, shower services and food, even in the best of circumstances. The reality of empty store shelves may, for the first time be educating much of the public how truck drivers serve them each day. America stops without truck drivers delivering the things you need to buy, to the stores where you shop. Now, more than ever, we must support our truck drivers. ***We must not add more stress to their daily lives.***

Rest area and service plaza closures, truck parking restrictions, fast food limitations that discriminate access to truck drivers, the lack of bathroom and showers facilities and availability of PPE are additional stressors that the women and men who work as truck drivers do not need right now. Truck drivers have growing concerns that they are being left without services and PPE which can compromise their health. Some fear becoming infected with Coronavirus and inadvertently spread it to others, including their own loved ones when the return home.

"[Truckers Emergency Assistance Responders](#)" - T.E.A.R. a 501 (c)(3) and the [REAL Women in Trucking, Inc.](#) truck driver association is asking for assistance from state and local agencies, distribution centers, truck stops, businesses and other volunteer groups to help truck drivers with the following:

- Consider ways to make portable shower facilities accessible for truck drivers with **no fee** where none exist like turnpike service plazas or rest areas.
- Allow food trucks to enter rest area/truck stops and distribution center staging areas to serve truck drivers since fast food chains are closing early and drivers have limited access due to drive thru requirements and walk up window restrictions.
- When giving out sack lunches to truck drivers include PPE items such as, hand sanitizer, a mask, disinfectant for cleaning the steering wheel and other truck surfaces, and/or a pair of surgical gloves.

We all have a role to play to help our country get through the Coronavirus crisis. We must help the truck drivers stay healthy as they travel state to state replenishing store shelves for all of us. If you would like more information on ways you can support the truck drivers who are serving your community, please [contact us](#). Thank you for supporting the truck drivers.

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