

# DeLDOT Winter Storm Update #1

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DeLDOT) continues to treat roads and prepare for the arrival of a statewide snow event. As of 9:00 p.m., DeLDOT maintenance & operations yards in New Castle County are fully staffed and treating roadways due to icy conditions. In Kent County, half of staff will report at 2:00 a.m., and will be fully staffed by 7:00 a.m. For Sussex County, a quarter of staff will report at 2:00 a.m., and will be fully staffed by 7:00 a.m. Staff will also be monitoring Route 1 for potential flooding south of Dewey Beach throughout the storm.

**Governor Carney has declared a State of Emergency effective at 12:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2018, for the entire state.** The authorization will allow the National Guard to mobilize resources to assist with response related to heavy snow in New Castle County, and potential coastal flooding in Kent and Sussex counties. The State of Emergency also directs state agencies to assist in response and recovery efforts in coordination with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency.

Due to the forecasted severe conditions, Governor John Carney has announced State of Delaware offices in **New Castle County will be [closed](#)** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. Non-essential employees who live or work in New Castle County are not to report to work for this period. Essential employees are to report as scheduled.

**No driving restrictions have been implemented at this time,** though motorists should use caution throughout the overnight hours as slippery conditions are possible.

The Wilmington and Delaware City DMVs **will be closed** on Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

DART First State transit services crews have prepared equipment, service contractors have been notified, and snow

removal contractors have been put on notice. Reservations and Control Center are prepared for a high volume of calls due to the possibility of passengers wanting to cancel or reschedule paratransit trips as the storm approaches.

DelDOT will continue to provide regular updates throughout the duration of the storm event. Please contact C.R. McLeod, DelDOT Director of Community Relations with any storm-related questions at 302-388-2303, or [Charles.mcleod@delaware.gov](mailto:Charles.mcleod@delaware.gov).

Real-time traffic conditions are available via the free DelDOT smartphone app and at [www.deldot.gov](http://www.deldot.gov).