## **Important FMCSA News**

Beginning October 1, 2021, motor carriers and drivers operating under the terms of <u>Emergency</u> <u>Declaration No. 2020-002</u>, issued August 31, 2021, are required to use the FMCSA Portal in submitting monthly reports providing: the number of trips made by commercial vehicles operating under the COVID Declaration; the type of goods transported; and for multiple goods transported, an indication of which commodity was transported the most.

The screenshot below is what carriers see when they login into their FMCSA Portal account. Seven commodities are specified in Emergency Declaration No. 2020-002: Livestock and livestock feed; Medical supplies and equipment; Vaccines, and constituent products; Supplies to prevent COVID, such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, soap and disinfectants; Food, paper products and other groceries; Gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and; Supplies and building materials for individuals displaced as a result of the emergency. The supplies provision, for example, includes loads intended for construction of temporary housing, or temporary sheltering of overflow hospital patients, as a result of spikes in COVID-19 cases. Regular shipments for routine stocking of hardware stores and building supply centers are not covered.

If you have questions, please contact <u>dana@texastrucking.com</u>.

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