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Temporary Change in Driver Education Curriculum Administration

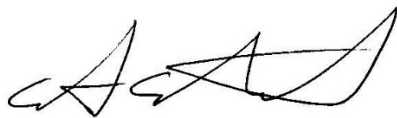
Dear Driver Education Program Owners, Administrators and Instructors:

The Iowa Department of Transportation Driver & Identification Services will allow approved school districts and driver education programs to teach “in classroom” traffic education through distance learning (including, but not limited to, webinar or Skype) during the mandatory school closures because of COVID-19. This approval will only be on a temporary basis until such time as the Department of Public Health and CDC have made public recommendations that would allow classes to resume safely in person.

Approved programs will be required to adhere to [Iowa Code 321.178 Drive Education](#) and [Iowa Administrative Code 761-634.4\(321\)](#) while administering their previously approved curriculum. Student contact hours, with the exception of behind-the-wheel laboratory, may be done virtually during this time. Teachers should carefully document how they are achieving 30 hours of structured “in classroom” learning experiences scheduled with no more than 180 minutes in a single day. The instruction will need to be taught by an approved classroom traffic education teacher and hours and assessment results should be carefully documented.

Behind-the-wheel instruction must continue to be done in accordance with [Iowa Administrative Code 761-634.4\(321\)](#) while following all preventative measures recommended by the Department of Public Health and CDC.

Sincerely,



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