



Safer at Home

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

COVID-19 REOPENING GUIDANCE

GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC REOPENING TASKFORCE



Safeguarding Guidance:

Effective immediately, behind the wheel Driver's Education instruction may resume in accordance with the following guidance.

Review and follow the NH [Universal Guidelines](#).

1. Classroom instruction may continue to use remote learning platforms or be held in-person. In-person class sizes should be limited to the number of people where social distancing is able to be safely maintained with at least 6 feet of separation between students at all times.
2. Observation drive time will continue to be completed and certified by parents.
3. Instructors should maintain an instruction record for each student documenting that the instructors have conducted a competency assessment for each student demonstrating knowledge of skills necessary to begin behind-the-wheel instruction.
4. For students enrolled in classes that started prior to June 5, 2020, the provisions of Saf-C 3110.06 (b) – (d) are hereby waived until October 21, 2020. In order to address a backlog of behind-the-wheel instruction for students whose driver education classes were interrupted and/or continued through remote classroom instruction, those students will be permitted to participate in behind-the-wheel instruction of no more than three 60-minute sessions per week. All other requirements under Saf-C 3110.06 remain in full force in effect.
5. Instructors and students will each wear a cloth face covering or mask over their nose and mouth at all times while conducting behind the wheel training.
6. Students will not congregate while waiting to begin a driving lesson. They should stay in their car until the instructor is ready for them and the previous student has left.
7. Two student drivers and instructor will be allowed in the car, unless the students are of the same household.
 - a. In the case of drivers education for individuals who may have experienced a medical event or cognitive impairment, an occupational therapist may also be present in the vehicle.
8. Both student drivers and instructor must be screened for symptoms and risk factors for COVID-19 right before driving instruction as outlined in the NH [Universal Guidelines](#).
9. Before each drive, while outside of the vehicle and with the instructor and students wearing a mask and maintaining social distance, instructors must provide each student with an overview of the lesson and general instructions.
10. In-car time will be limited to a maximum of 60 minutes; less close contact time is preferred.
11. Use of air recirculation should be limited. If using heating or air conditioning systems, the best practice is to utilize only the defroster vents on high (hot, mild, or cold) to force air away from the driver and passenger towards the windows.



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12. Instructors will allow cleaning time between student drives.
13. Before and after each drive, car surfaces will be disinfected following the NH [Universal Guidelines](#) to include:
 - a. Door handles
 - b. All switches and instruments
 - c. Steering wheel and steering column adjustments
 - d. Gear shift, emergency brake and its button/lever
 - e. Rear view mirror and adjustment
 - f. Seatbelt straps, buckles and release latches
 - g. Seat controls, head restraints, fuel door release lever
 - h. Keys and key fob
 - i. Center console and arm rest areas
14. When possible, instructors will clean the car as the student watches so they are comfortable they are entering a safe environment.
15. Instructors and students will wash their hands before entering the car or use hand sanitizer.

