

Jan, 2021

Dear Traffic Safety Student and Families,

Our students enrolled in Traffic Safety will be matched with a driving instructor, aide, and possibly a student driving partner to begin Behind-the-Wheel instruction (BTW). Time may be adjusted to fit student and teacher schedules and to complete the required driving hours. Requirements for Traffic Safety include 30+ hours of classroom instruction, 6 hours of driving time with a certified instructor and 50+ logged hours of practice driving with an adult. To fulfill the 6 hours with an instructor, hours in addition to the classroom BTW hours may be scheduled throughout the 2020-2021 school year (before school, lunch, study hall, or after school, and possibly even Saturdays if needed).

**\*Please note that a parent signature is required twice on this form.**

Our first priority is the health and safety of the student drivers and instructors. In order to provide Behind-the-Wheel training to students in driver's education all ISBE, IDPH, and Secretary of State health and safety requirements will be followed:

- If a student has a 100.4 degree temperature or COVID-19 symptoms, or tests positive for COVID-19, he/she must stay home. The student or his/her parents must notify the instructor, who will notify appropriate school officials.
- Staff and students will be required to have their temperature checked and screened for COVID-19 symptoms prior to Behind-the-Wheel instruction beginning.
- Staff and students with a temperature above 100.4 degrees or symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to participate in Behind-the-Wheel instruction and will not be allowed to return until they have met the criteria to return.
  - For students and staff who tested positive for COVID-19, the CDC and IDPH guidance states that a minimum of 10 days must have passed since symptoms first appeared **and** at least 72 hours must have elapsed from resolution of fever without fever-reducing medication, **or** the person submits to the school two (2) negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart. For students and staff who are suspected of COVID-19 but not tested, a minimum of 10 days must have passed since symptoms first appeared **and** at least 72 hours must have elapsed from resolution of fever without fever-reducing medication.
  - Students or staff who were in **close contact** with the person with COVID-19 or symptoms in the 48 hours before the person developed symptoms should not return to Behind-the-Wheel instruction and will not be permitted to participate for 14 days, per CDC and IDPH guidance. Close contact includes: living in the same household as a person with COVID-19; caring for a person with COVID-19; being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for more than a few minutes (10 minutes or longer); or being in direct contact with secretions from a person with COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed on, etc.). These students and staff also should contact their health care provider.
  - Students or staff who were **not** in close contact with the person with COVID-19 or symptoms may return to Behind-the-Wheel instruction, after cleaning and disinfection is completed, and should monitor his/her health for 14 days. Temperature/symptom screenings will continue for these individuals. If symptoms develop, the above procedures will be followed.

- Staff and students must wear face coverings during Behind-the-Wheel instruction. Face coverings will not be provided; students need to provide their own.
- Only two students, an instructor, and a teachers aid (required by the state) will be allowed per vehicle. (4 max-all with masks)
- Eating and drinking in the vehicle is prohibited.
- Windows will be open whenever possible.
- Students must complete hand hygiene with soap and water or hand sanitizer, as appropriate, before and after driving, and, at the minimum, upon completion. Hand sanitizer will be provided in each vehicle.
- The vehicles will be sanitized between drivers by the instructor and there will be daily cleaning and disinfecting of the vehicle.
  - In between drivers, instructors will clean and disinfect the steering wheel, door handles, seat belt fastener, controls/dials that the driver would come in contact with, keys, etc. in between each Behind-the-Wheel session
- The car will not make any stops during the Behind-the-Wheel instruction session that are not applicable to driver's education in order to reduce the amount of time in the vehicle.

**First Required signature**

I acknowledge that my student, \_\_\_\_\_ is free from Covid symptoms and that I read and understand the information above. I give permission for my student to take the eye exam and turn in their permit information at Deerfield High School.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**It is our intention to begin Behind-the-Wheel instruction as soon as permits are filed with the state and we are cleared to resume driving.** Due to remote instruction and off-campus classes, students may be dropped off at school by their parents/guardians or be picked up at home by their instructor. An adult aide will also be in the car with the instructor and 1-2 students per drive. All individuals in the car will follow all the safety and health guidelines outlined above. Acknowledge and give permission for your student to be picked up from their home with both instructor, aide, and a possible second student in the vehicle by signing the letter below.

**Eye Exams and Permits**

We are equipped to administer the eye examinations necessary to complete the driving permit application process. There are various rules and regulations in place to meet the health and safety guidelines. District 113 will follow protocols and sanitation standards set by the Illinois Department of Health.

If you would like to participate in the permit application process on **Thursday Jan 7th Early Bird class, Friday Jan 8th will be 7th period class and make up day, Jan 11th between 3:00-4:30** at Deerfield High School, I am asking for you to follow the schedule and protocol listed below. Please park in the front lot and walk to the eye test station at the main entrance of the school. We will have tables at the main entrance by the front circle of the school and

socially distance. Please wear protective face masks. For the FALL Semester -You should not have to go inside the building, but if you do or Winter Semester, in addition to wearing protective face masks, students and parents will need to be screened for COVID symptoms, contact, and temperature. A staff member will guide you to room A100 or the front lobby to complete the permit application process, if needed.

Students who wear glasses or contacts should wear them during the exam. Upon completion of the exam, a parent or legal guardian will need to sign the application and pay the \$20.00 permit fee. All checks should be made out to the Illinois Secretary of State.

The eye exam requires an individual to press their forehead against a device and identify peripheral objects/lights. Know that we will be disinfecting the unit between each user.

By participating in this process you no longer need to go to the DMV to obtain your child's permit. Please let your teacher know if you are unable to attend, and they will make other arrangements. Do not hesitate to email with questions or concerns.

### **Schedule-Lobby at DHS**

**3-4:30 pm Thursday Jan 7th - Early Bird class**

**3-4:30 pm Friday Jan 8th - 7 th period class**

**3:00-4:30-Monday Jan 11th Makeup date**

**If you cannot make this time you will have to contact your Traffic Safety Teacher for special arrangements.**

Students or families who do not feel comfortable with Behind-the-Wheel instruction at this time will have opportunities to schedule driving at a later date, though we cannot guarantee that the required 6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel instruction time can be completed before a student's permit matures in 9 months.

### **Second required signature**

I acknowledge and give permission for my student, \_\_\_\_\_  
to be dropped off at school or picked up during their scheduled driving sessions.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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