

Covid Statement and Business Plan

Twin State Driving is committed to the continuation of Driver Education Classes in as safe a manner as possible. The State has issued the following guidelines under which we can continue to work.

<https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/inline-documents/2020-05/guidance-driver-education.pdf>

Although classes may resume in person in small settings under strict conditions, we have decided to continue the classroom portion of the program into the school year using remote classroom through Zoom, as long as the Governor allows for that option. The State currently is allowing the 6 hour observation requirement to be completed and certified by a parent and the instructor driving portion can continue under strict guidelines for cleaning, face masks and fresh air.

We are committed, for your safety as well as ours, to have as minimal an impact or exposure to the school and the community as possible. Class and driving schedules have been designed to stay in place regardless of the choices the school may be forced to make. Zoom classes will take place in the late afternoon or early evening and driving will be scheduled during a student's study hall (with the schools permission) or after school.

The Cameron's will continue to distance themselves from Mrs. Whitaker, our part time instructor, so if there is exposure to one of us it doesn't shut down the entire program. Should we need to quarantine, but aren't ill, then classes can remain remote. Each student will drive with one instructor only, to minimize exposure as each instructor will come into contact with 10 students or less. We will also be running only 1 class session at a time also to minimize exposure.

Arrangements will be made before class begins for students to pick up books and class materials. Currently we are meeting in person with students to administer the final exam, but we are working on remote options.

Driver Ed isn't afforded the same options schools have for remote learning. We must be able to see and communicate with students throughout the 2 hour class sessions. Therefore students must have a computer with a working video camera, stable internet and a quiet place to come into class. Zooming in from the car, practice, job or your friend's house will not be allowed.

We have grave concerns for those students for whom remote learning was a challenge and look forward to discussions with parents on how to make this a positive learning experience for all. We are committed to making the remote class as rigorous as in-person classes, however we have a lot to learn to achieve that goal. It will be a work in progress.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the safety measures put in place, please do not hesitate to call.