

_____ County Schools
Informed Consent
Driver Education Training / COVID-19

Name of Student _____

Dear Parents & Legal Guardians,

Thank you for your continued patience and trust as we work to make in-person driver education training available to your student. The health and safety of your student and our community is our top priority. While we understand that obtaining a driver's license is seen by many students as a rite of passage, their participation is voluntary rather than mandatory and is therefore a family decision. With the evolving situation around COVID-19, we want to make sure you and your student know that there may be additional risks when participating in driver education training.

As with the transmission of any communicable disease like a cold or the flu, you may be exposed to COVID-19, also known as "coronavirus," at any time or in any place. Be assured that we will continue to follow state and federal recommendations to limit transmission of COVID-19 and the driver education training company we work with has implemented additional sanitation protocols to limit transmission of COVID-19 in their driver education vehicles. Attached to this Informed Consent is a list of protocols the driver education company has instituted to minimize the transmission of COVID-19. All protocols are being vetted with local health officials prior to in-person activities. **Please review the attached list thoroughly and let us know if you have any questions before your student resumes driver training.** The driver education company may have additional forms for your signature prior to proceeding to behind-the-wheel training.

However, even with careful attention to recommended precautions, there is still a chance that you or your student could be exposed to an illness while participating in driver education training, just as you might be at your place of work, grocery store, or favorite restaurant. Additionally, although measures are being taken to increase physical distancing, due to the nature of the training provided, it may not always possible to maintain physical distancing between students, staff, instructors, and parents. In short, there are no guarantees that your student will not be exposed during driver education training sponsored by _____ County Schools.

Through your student's participation in driver education training, you understand and agree to the following:

1. Participation in voluntary activities includes possible exposure to and illness from communicable diseases, including but not limited to a common cold, influenza, and COVID-19. While physical distancing may reduce this risk, there are unique health risks due to COVID-19, including serious illness and death, especially to those with underlying health conditions; and

2. Any District safety requirements or protocols for your student’s participation in extracurricular activities must be followed by your student.

Parent / Guardian Agreement:

I have read the contents of this Informed Consent to my student, including the risks of COVID-19 and participating in driver education training and my student’s personal responsibilities for adhering to any requirements for participation.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understood this Informed Consent. By my signature below, I also agree that I am accepting the inherent risk of my student voluntarily engaging in driver education training. If the student resides in two or more households, my signature also confirms that at least one responsible parent or guardian has signed from each household.

Parent/Legal Guardian #1 Signature (if student is under 18)

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian #2 Signature (if student is under 18)

Date

Student Signature (if student is over 18)

Date