

# Driver Education

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#### Driver Education (Behind the Wheel Instruction)

Driver education is an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) program that provides high school students with valuable training in safe driving practices. The skills learned provide students the necessary knowledge and skills to operate a motor vehicle and navigate the roads safely. These safe skills are something that each student will use throughout their lifetime. The program provides the training through 30 hours of classroom instruction and 12 hours of behind the wheel instruction. Upon completion of the course each student receives an ODOT waiver card that waives the drive test at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The classroom portion of the program can be delivered through distance learning; however, the behind-the-wheel instruction requires in-person training. The following protocols and guidelines have been developed to allow for the student's and instructor's safety as they participate in this important training to create safe teen drivers for Oregon's roads.

#### Required

- Perform a symptom screening prior to participation to ensure student has no COVID-19 symptoms (see section 1f).*
- Monitor students for signs of sickness such as fever, persistent cough, *difficulty breathing*, etc.
- Prohibit eating or drinking in the vehicle.
- All staff and students must wear face coverings while in the vehicle.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer for all staff and students upon entering and exiting the vehicle.
- Ensure that the vehicle's windows are open or the fan or AC is on and supplying fresh, non-recirculated air into the vehicle.*
- Ensure that students remain with the same cohort for the duration of training.
- Ensure that vehicles are deep cleaned frequently and regularly. Conduct targeted cleanings between each cohort, with a focus on disinfecting frequently touched surfaces of the vehicle.
- Utilize student tracking system.
- Restrict the number of students in the vehicle to *two* with one instructor.

#### Recommended

- ⇒ Provide at least three feet of physical distance between passengers.
- ⇒ Keep windows of the vehicle lowered as much as possible to increase *fresh air circulation* in the vehicle.