

Dear students and parents,

Earlier today governor Little announced the lift of the Shelter in Place order. Idaho has moved into Phase 1 of reopening. How this concerns driver education has been a bit difficult to pin down. We have confirmed with the State Department of Education that in Phase 1 businesses that cannot adhere to the 6ft distance between individuals are to remain closed. We had hoped to continue at least the Behind the Wheel for those students from the February course but are told that is not allowed at this point.

We are hopeful that the May 16th date that brings the beginning of Phase 2 will allow us to get back into the classroom with small class sizes to finish up class material and begin the next group of students. As soon as I have confirmation of this I will create a schedule and communicate it directly to you all.

As mentioned before we do plan to implement safety policies for when we are able to reopen. This will include increased sanitization of the vehicles and classroom materials, as well as personal protective equipment as recommended by the CDC for both students and instructors. Again, while respecting the Governors orders, we also need to follow the guidelines laid out by LPOSD because we are contracted with them. We are keeping in touch with you all so that you are assured that we are doing everything that we can to continue or begin your student's driver education as promptly and safely as we can. We look forward to reopening soon.

****June students; we hope to be able to begin your course as closely to the original start date as possible, but that is dependent on completing the current course(s) which is on hold for now. It is now looking likely that we will need to delay your start date but hope to keep that impact to as minimal as possible. Once we know your exact start date, we will contact you via email.****

Sincerely,

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