

## Georgia Department of Driver Services

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## **MEMO**

To: All Driver Training, Commercial Driver Training, Driver Improvement, and Risk

**Reduction Programs** 

Fr: Mike Mitchell, Director of Regulatory Compliance

Da: June 5, 2020

Re: Proposed Rules regarding Remote Instruction

I hope this memo finds everyone doing well and staying safe.

The purpose of this memo is to inform all of our driver training, commercial driver training, driver improvement, and risk reduction programs of proposed rules that would allow of the continuation of remote instruction, under certain conditions, beyond July 11, 2020, the date that emergency rule 375-5-2-0.1-.10 is set to expire.

The proposed rules will allow for remote instruction in unforeseen emergency situations, including but not limited to, a public health emergency or natural disaster. The rules will allow the provisions provided for in the emergency rule to continue, if deemed necessary, beyond the state's Public Health Emergency declaration and would expand those provisions to other emergencies. These conditions would include pandemics, natural disasters, and man-made disasters

The proposed rules will be presented to the DDS Board of Directors for initial adoption at this month's board meeting and there will be an opportunity for public comment in July, before the rule is considered for final adoption in August.

As you know, the operating environment we current find ourselves in is much different than it was just a few months ago. Covid-19 has required all of us, government and private enterprise alike, to modify the way we conduct business and deliver services to our customers.

DDS truly values the partnership we have with our regulated programs. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.