

JTHS District 204

Driver's Education

Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) Instruction Guidelines

The Illinois School Board has cleared Behind the Wheel instruction to resume under certain protocols. These guidelines follow the current structure of Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois plan and have been approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Secretary of State. Student safety will be our top priority. It is important to note that some students may choose to wait to begin behind the wheel instruction. The below plan is voluntary and cannot be deemed mandatory.

Guidelines must be followed by every participant and teacher. It is the sole responsibility of the teacher to adhere to all safety guidelines and requirements. Any deviation of the guidelines, depending on severity will result in disciplinary actions. Participants who do not follow the guidelines will be asked to leave the session.

Below are the guidelines that JTHS District 204 will follow during this phase of the Governor's plan:

Before Drive

- Students will be contacted by their Behind the Wheel instructor to set up a Driving Schedule.
- Teachers will utilize the Google form to document student drives.
- Students will be emailed a [Waiver of Liability](#) that they will bring signed by their parent/guardian on their first scheduled drive.
- All teachers and students will be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to BTW session, including a no-contact temperature check. Teachers will have their temperature checked daily by an administrator/teacher. Students will have their temperature checked daily by the teacher.
- Pre-drive screenings will be logged daily by the teacher using the [Monitoring Form](#). Teachers will use a new form daily and will return the completed form at the end of each day that checks for the following:
 - Temperature >100.4F/37C or symptoms of COVID-19 (fevers, chills, cough, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell).
- If any person reports positive symptoms, he/she will NOT be allowed to take part in driving and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate healthcare professional. The student will NOT be allowed to return to a scheduled drive until a note clearing them to return is provided by their medical doctor. If a student is not feeling well, please stay home and notify the instructor.
- Teachers will use the current QR scan BTW check in process utilizing student ID #'s.

During Drive

- Allow only two students and one instructor per vehicle.
- Face coverings must be worn, unless medically required.
- Prohibit eating and drinking in the vehicle.
- Open the windows whenever possible.
- Do not make any stops during the training that are not applicable to driver's education to reduce the amount of time in the vehicle.
- Complete hand hygiene with soap and water or hand sanitizer, as appropriate, before and after driving and, at the minimum, upon completion. Hand sanitizer should be placed in each vehicle.
- Conduct regular routine cleaning and disinfecting of the seats.

Cleaning

- Clean and disinfect the steering wheel, door handles, seatbelt fastener, controls/dials that the driver would come in contact with, keys, etc. in between each behind-the-wheel session.
- There will be 30 minutes in between drives which will allow for the teacher to clean the car from the previous group, screen the next group and perform the online check in.
- Driver's area should be wiped down between drivers

Student Procedures

- Bring [Waiver of Liability](#) on their first scheduled drive signed by their parent/guardian.
- Students will be dropped off by Door #7 at Joliet West and a predetermined point by the teacher at Joliet Central.
- Students will be reminded to wait in their car they arrived in, until within 10 minutes of their drive.
- Students MUST always have their mask on.
- Once both students have arrived for their SCHEDULED drive and the instructor is done cleaning and disinfecting the vehicle the students will begin the pre-drive screening and then begin their drive.
- Once the drive session is complete, students must leave immediately.