

Office of the Commissioner

TO: District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Schools  
Public School Administrators  
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Charter School Administrators

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19) emergency. The Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) has recently received an influx of questions from school districts regarding their driver's education programs. In order to address current state-wide school closures and the possibility of extended school closures, the Office of CTE has put forth the following guidance with respect to driver and traffic safety education (DTSE).

### Recommendations for Schools

According to the NYS DTSE Guidelines, driver's education courses must provide each student with a minimum of 24 hours of classroom instruction and a minimum of 24 hours of laboratory instruction (including six hours behind-the-wheel, six hours in-car observation, and 12 hours of additional laboratory instruction) in order to obtain an MV-285 Certificate of Completion of Driver Education Course. At this time, there are many students across the

