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PARENTS NOW ABLE TO ADMINISTER THE IOWA DOT WRITTEN DRIVING TEST AT HOME

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ANKENY, Iowa – April 13, 2020 – "Skip the Trip," a program the Iowa Department of Transportation began last year allowing students to take the non-commercial driver's knowledge test at approved educational sites has now been expanded to allow parents, guardians, and legal custodians to proctor the test for their children from home using an electronic device connected to the Internet.

To protect customers and Iowa DOT staff from exposure to COVID-19, services offered in driver's service centers have been limited at least through the end of April. Allowing parents to administer the test at home will enable students to still take the test without coming into a service center.

To apply to take the test at home, the parent must have a valid Iowa driver's license and will need to complete and submit the Application to Proctor Knowledge Exam form to the Iowa DOT. Upon approval of the application, the parent and student will receive an email with instructions for taking and administering the test. After the test is completed, the student will receive an email with the test results. Once the student has passed the test, the parent and student will need to visit a DOT service center or county treasurer's office to get their instruction permit. Currently, appointments are necessary at DOT service centers and are available beginning in May. Appointments can be online. If you wish to visit a county treasurer's office, you are encouraged to contact your county treasurer to find out how they are providing service at this time.

"Learning to drive is a milestone in many households that parents and teens typically go through together. This will allow kids to experience the excitement of achieving this milestone without having to wait until the COVID-19 emergency passes," stated Melissa Spiegel, Motor Vehicle Division Director

The Iowa DOT reminds parents that teaching driving skills to children are an important responsibility that must be taken seriously. The skills you instill in your child not only have a direct impact on their safety but the safety of everyone on our roadways, for the rest of your child's life.

Find out more information about Skip the Trip. To prepare for the driver's knowledge test, look for the Iowa Driver's License Manual and practice tests online.

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