The crisis created by COVID-19 has impacted many facets of society including pupil transportation and the ability of qualified pupil transportation drivers remaining qualified when actual classroom Level II training has ceased in order to protect humans during COVID-19. Fortunately, on-line training for Level II is still available through the Nebraska Safety Center for all pupil transportation drivers to meet training requirements of Rule 91. All pupil transportation drivers are expected to use this on-line training going forward and employers are urged to make this technology available to their drivers. Please note that all Level I training is suspended for the time being in response to the COVID-19 safety measures.

With health issues being a priority, the Nebraska Department of Education will freeze the 60-day window for level II training going forward. The freeze of the 60-day window will end when actual classroom Level II trainings begin again and only allows a driver to take the Level II course instead of the Level I course. To qualify for the additional 60-day window, a waiver will need to be obtained from the Nebraska Safety Center and signed by both the driver and the driver's employer.

The freeze is in place for those unable to take the online Level II training and who cannot take the classroom training due to COVID-19 related circumstances only. Please note that the additional 60-day window does NOT allow drivers to transport students until their Level II training is up to date.

As you know, these are unprecedented times. The Nebraska Safety Center, together with the Nebraska Department of Education, want all drivers to be cautious of their health concerns during this time.

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