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**March 19, 2020**

## **VERMONT COVID-19 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY NOTICE WAIVER FOR IRP AND IFTA REQUIREMENTS**

Due to the impacts from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak at the national and state level, Governor Scott on March 13, 2020 issued an Emergency Declaration for the State of Vermont.

Effective Tuesday, March 13, 2020, Vermont has issued a temporary waiver of IRP/IFTA and 72 hour trip permit requirements. Vermont asks that no enforcement action be taken against vehicles with no or expired IRP or IFTA credentials for 90 days from the date of the Emergency Declaration.

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Wanda L. Minoli, Commissioner

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To All Industry Associations and Partners:

Friday March 13, 2020 Governor Scott issued an Emergency Declaration regarding the coronavirus outbreak. On Monday March 16, 2020 the Governor announced the State of Vermont will be extending expiration dates for Vermont licenses and Vermont registrations for 90 days due to the outbreak. Therefore, any registration expiring March 31, 2020 will be valid for an additional 90 days.

The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles continues to assess the impact to state operations while at the same time is focused on providing the best customer service possible. In doing so there is a need to provide the healthiest environment possible for both our customers and employees. In an attempt to limit everyone's potential exposure to the coronavirus (COVID-19), **all DMV in-person transactions have been suspended until further notice.** As a result transactions during this time must be completed through the mail, electronic methods or phone, whichever is available.

Vermont has now issued a temporary waiver of IRP/IFTA/72 hour trip permit requirements effective with the Emergency Declaration that was issued on March 13th. Vermont DMV has asked that no enforcement action be taken against vehicles with expired apportioned plates for the next 90 days.

Additionally, in order to stay consistent with expiration dates and processing times, any oversize or overweight permit expiring the same time as the vehicle registration, or expiring during the month of March, will also have an extension of 90 days. Please remember that all permits can still be processed by mail or electronic means.

All requests for Single Trip Permits will still be processed and issued by the Permit Unit. Any permit request which requires an engineer review will still follow the normal process.

All fuel distributor reports required to be filed with DMV are still required to be filed on time. There are no deadline extensions for reporting.



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Permit Type and Expiration

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- Blanket Permits- expiration dates of March 31, 2020 will be extended for 90 days.
- Farm Equipment Dealer Permits- expiration dates of March 31, 2020 will be extended for 90 days.
- Reasonable Access Permits- reasonable access permits expirations will be extended for 90 days.
- Single Trip Permits- will be issued through normal process.
- Special Purpose Blanket Permit- expiration dates of March 31, 2020 will be extended 90 days.
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**DMV OFFICE CLOSURES AND ADDITIONAL REGULATORY WAIVERS**

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On March 13, 2019 Governor Scott issued an emergency declaration due to the Covid-19 outbreak. On March 16, 2020 Governor Scott announced DMV will be extending license and registration renewals for 90 days beyond their effective expiration date beginning March 13, 2020. If an individual's permit, temporary license or permanent license and/or registration has expired since March 13, 2020 law enforcement officers should honor a 90 day waiver of those credential expiration dates.

In continuing to assess the impact to state operations DMV is committed to providing the healthiest environment possible for both our customers and employees. In an attempt to limit everyone's potential exposure to the coronavirus (COVID-19), effective March 19, 2020 **all DMV in-person transactions have been suspended until further notice**. As a result transactions during this time must be completed through the mail, electronic methods or phone, whichever is available.

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Lastly, DMV is aware of transportation providers being asked by school districts to assist in delivering meals to school age children during the day. This request is to help ensure children who would normally have their breakfast and lunch at school still have access during the mandated school closing.

Title 23 V.S.A. § 1283(a)(4) requires the Eight Way Light System only be used when school age children are being loaded or unloaded during a school related function. The sole purpose for the use of the system is to provide a safe passage for children by signaling other motorists to stop.

Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles understands the need to provide our most vulnerable citizens (children) with nutritious meals, especially in times like this. The department also recognizes the inherent danger posed when a child crosses the street. Keeping in mind the safety and wellbeing of our children the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles authorizes the usage of the Eight Way Light System when making deliveries to school age children. This authorization will remain in effect until the service is no longer needed.



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Dear NCST Participants and Interested Parties,

Following the latest CDC guidance for mitigation of the novel coronavirus and COVID-19, the Steering Committee for the 17<sup>th</sup> National Congress on School Transportation decided yesterday to postpone the event. The NCST, scheduled for May 17-20, 2020, has been postponed for one year. The 2021 NCST is tentatively being rescheduled for May 16-19, 2021. We will contact you again as plans and procedures are finalized.

We are united with the nation in having to make difficult decisions in the overriding interest of public health and safety. The many details involved in postponing an event of this magnitude are still being worked out, but most of the major questions regarding NCST registration, hotel reservations, and travel are answered as follows:

- 1. NCST Registration-** We are canceling all conference registrations received to date. There is no need for individuals to cancel their own registrations.
- 2. Refunds-** Those who have already paid for their registrations will receive full refunds. For those who received invoices that have not yet been paid, all invoices are being voided by the NCST. If you committed to pay via a purchase order (PO), but have not paid, please notify your school district or employer that they should void the PO. If you have special instructions for where and how to issue refunds or other questions, please contact Jennifer Bruce at [AdminServices@nasdpts.org](mailto:AdminServices@nasdpts.org) or (518) 220-9905.
- 3. Hotel Reservations-** We are working with the hotel to see if they can cancel the entire room block all at once, which means you would not have to contact the hotel directly. Once we have confirmation, we will reach out again. *Those who have reservations at other hotels must cancel their own hotel reservations.*
- 4. Travel Reservations-** Each individual is responsible for canceling their travel reservations for airlines and rental cars. Most airlines have waived cancellation fees and are issuing credits good for up to a year.
- 5. Questions and Information-** Other questions should be directed to Jennifer Bruce ([AdminServices@nasdpts.org](mailto:AdminServices@nasdpts.org) or 518-220-9905) or Patrick McManamon ([Patrick.McManamon@vermont.gov](mailto:Patrick.McManamon@vermont.gov) or 802-828-3757).

Please let us know if there is any way we can help you. Most importantly, please stay safe and healthy as we work through the unprecedented challenges we are all facing as citizens of the nation and the world.

Highest Regards,

Patrick McManamon

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