



COLORADO

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UPDATE ON SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION EXEMPTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

July 16, 2020: Pursuant to 1 CCR 301-26 rule 18.01, emergency evacuation drills must be conducted with students at least twice during each school year; once in the fall and once in the spring. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it may not have been feasible for districts, charter schools or service providers to conduct these drills in the spring 2020 due to the suspension of in-person learning due to COVID-19.

Emergency evacuation documentation should indicate that the Spring 2020 evacuation drill was not conducted due to the suspension of in-person instruction as a result of COVID-19. Additionally, in light of the public health requirements which may be in place during the upcoming school year, districts, charter schools or service providers should consider conducting front door evacuation drills and also providing instruction for evacuations conducted via all remaining emergency exits. Emergency instructions, pursuant to 1 CCR 301-26, rule 18.02, requiring emergency evacuation instructions prior to departure for students on school related events shall remain in effect.

UPDATE March 11, 2021: During the COVID-19 pandemic, it may not have been feasible for districts, charter schools or service providers to conduct one or both drills during the 2020-2021 school year due to the suspension of in-person learning due to COVID-19.

Emergency evacuation documentation should indicate that the evacuation drills for the 2020-2021 school year were not conducted due to the suspension of in-person instruction as a result of COVID-19 as appropriate. Additionally, in light of the public health requirements which may be in place, districts, charter schools or service providers should consider conducting front door evacuation drills and also providing instruction for evacuations conducted via all remaining emergency exits. Emergency instructions, pursuant to 1 CCR 301-26, rule 18.02, requiring emergency evacuation instructions prior to departure for students on school related events shall remain in effect for the 2020-2021 school year.

