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DriveTest: Licensed by the Government of Ontario

DriveTest Centres offer driver licensing and examination services, such as knowledge tests and road tests, on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO).

Effective November 23, 2020 all road tests at the Brampton, Downsview, Etobicoke, Metro East, Mississauga and Port Union DriveTest centres will be cancelled without penalty.

Customers affected by the Grey (Lockdown) level cancellations are strongly encouraged to avoid non-essential travel and wait to reschedule their road test. Customers should avoid rescheduling their road test at DriveTest locations in Red, Orange, Yellow or Green levels.

Inside services at these centres continue with capacity and COVID-19 preventative measures in place.

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Province tells GTA DriveTest customers to 'avoid' going to areas like Lindsay for tests

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DriveTest is now stating to customers in the Greater Toronto Area – where COVID infection rates are high – to avoid going to places like Lindsay, where infection rates

are low.

The notice is now on the DriveTest home page where it reads:

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Kawartha Lakes is a green zone.

It’s been a contentious local issue for many months as scores of people from the GTA and Durham areas have lined up at the back of the Lindsay Square Mall to take their driver’s tests.

Since the Greater Toronto Area is under scrutiny as a COVID-19 hotspot, it has made many uneasy about the loitering near the mall’s back entrance, commonly used by patrons to visit the mall.

When the *Advocate* contacted the Ministry of Transportation before about this last month, Lee Alderson, senior issues advisor to the Ministry of Transportation, said the DriveTest company and the government are currently working towards implementing additional actions to reduce “longer than usual lineups.”

These actions include some DriveTest centres offering extended hours of operation, increasing the number of people who are able to take written tests at 22 centres, and hiring 50 new driver examiners by December 2020.

–with files from William McGinn.

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