

COVID effecting driving lessons possibly a threat to the environment

COVID has affected students transport immensely with more and more people waiting patiently for driving tests with a total of 43,192 people waiting on one at the start of October according to the RSA. The RSA also commented that they expect the waiting lists to worsen on the run up to Christmas and that it could possibly take 8 months on the waiting lists to get an appointment. This is anything but good news for the environment as students, especially in rural areas, will have to get a lift to and from college instead of taking their own car up and their own car back possibly doubling emissions in the long run. A gallon of petrol burns 8,887 grams of Co2 into the air while a gallon of diesel burns 1,293 more Co2 emissions into the air, with diesel cars being twice as popular as the next popular, petrol, in sales according to statista.com. With the average miles to the gallon being 25 miles according to thebusinessinsider.com, it would mean a car going from inner Dublin to Dunboyne would burn up 11 miles going up and then 11 miles going back, almost a full gallon. Now I know what some people might be thinking, public transport, that is another major issue as COVID rules will basically stop people from getting the bus with a maximum amount of people allowed on. This just makes people become lazy and impatient as many bus stops are every hour and people are unwilling and do not have the time to wait for that long. To summarize, the RSA have to fix this issue in the imminent future for all of our futures and need to figure out how to roll out tests quicker and more efficiently in order to prevent this catastrophe already in motion.

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