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Callie,

Per our phone conversation, attached are the pictures sent to IDOT from a school district with plexiglass installed behind and to the right of the seated driver. As you are aware, we have had many school districts and bus contractors inquire if this type, or similar installation is allowed to protect the driver, and passengers from the spread of Covid-19. IDOT would appreciate any insight you could provide if this complies with FMVSS standards.

Please let me know if any other information is needed. I am only in the office a few days a week at this point, but feel free to contact me by email or cell 217-494-6670.

Thanks for your time.

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Callie,

Please let this letter serve as a request for interpretation regarding FMVSS standards. Illinois Department of Transportation is receiving requests from school bus operators regarding installation of plastic barriers in the driver and passenger compartments to minimize the spread of Covid-19. The barriers, which are constructed of clear plastic, are attached to the interior roof of the school bus and to the seat backs. IDOT would appreciate any guidance that could be given if this type of modification would comply with FMVSS standards.

Please visit the manufacturers link provided below to view the installed product.

<https://originalsoftshield.com/soft-shield-images>

Please let me know if anything else is needed.

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