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MONTHLY EMERGENCY DRILL REQUIREMENTS SUSPENDED UNTIL SCHOOL RETURNS

The Indiana State Fire Marshal's staff has received some questions about required emergency drills for schools.

Considering the school closures across Indiana for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, monthly emergency drills are no longer required to be performed. **Schools are not required to conduct emergency drills until school is back in session.**

This suspension includes fire drills and any scheduled/planned disaster drills and would apply even if online instruction is occurring.

Background

The 2014 Indiana Fire Code requires monthly fire drills when school is in assembly.

Additional questions can be sent to codequestions@dhs.in.gov.

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