As you begin to think about a summer road trip, first make sure your vehicle gets a clean bill of health – free of recalls. NHTSA offers two great locations to investigate. In addition to any potential active recalls on your vehicle, you can also check your vehicle’s tires, safety equipment, car seats and more. Don’t be in the dark regarding recalls!
COVID-19 TRAFFIC TRENDS

In the midst of all the devastating news surrounding Covid-19, some of our traffic data provides us with a bright spot – specific to traffic crashes. We know that vehicle miles traveled are down, speeding issues are up, but total motor vehicle crashes are down.

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<th>2019</th>
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<td>January</td>
<td>5,621</td>
<td>5,179</td>
<td>442 = 4%</td>
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<td>5,972</td>
<td>3,714</td>
<td>2,258 = 23%</td>
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<td>March</td>
<td>3,921</td>
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<td>998 = 15%</td>
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<td>4,013</td>
<td>2,262</td>
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* 2020 numbers are preliminary data
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS A NEW TEEN DRIVING BROCHURE
ESSENTIAL WORKERS ON THEIR WAY TO WORK - THIS REQUIRES PATIENCE

- Slow down when you see a piece of agricultural equipment. Most farm equipment is designed to travel at speeds of only 15 to 25 mph.
- Watch for electronic or hand turn signals. Just because a tractor veers right does not mean the operator is pulling over to allow someone to pass. The size of farm equipment often dictates the necessity of wide turns.
- Pass farm equipment cautiously. Even when passing safely and legally, machinery may sway or become unstable. Do not expect operators to drive their equipment onto the shoulder of the road.
- Driving with one set of tires on loose-surfaced shoulders substantially increases the risk of turning over.
- Remember agricultural vehicle operators have a right to drive their equipment on the road.
These recognitions typically take place during the annual GTSB Conference. While the conference was cancelled this year, it is still extremely important that we take time to spotlight our partners that go above and beyond. The 2020 Commissioner's Awards Ceremony will take place at the end of July (date TBD), in Des Moines, at the State Historical Building.
HIGHLIGHTED QUESTION FROM 2019 DOT SURVEY:

How often do you wear a safety belt if you are a passenger in the back seat of a vehicle?

Always = 47.93% 😞
Nearly Always = 14.16%
Sometimes = 13.16%
Seldom = 12.45%
Never = 12.16%
Missing = .14%

BUCKLE UP EVERYWHERE! DON'T BE A HUMAN MISSLE!
LOOKING FOR A GOOD DAY TO WORK FROM HOME IN JUNE?

Over the course of a ten year period (2010 – 2019), June 30 has been the deadliest day of the month with the most number of traffic fatalities.
QUESTIONS?

STAY SAFE!

STAY HEALTHY!

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