

U.S. Department of Transportation Drug Testing Requirements

Federal Drug & Alcohol Testing During COVID-19 Pandemic (4.28.20)

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations provide reasonable flexibility to motor carrier employers and their drivers subject to testing under 49 CFR part 382 to address the COVID-19 national emergency. Information is available for drug testing impacted by COVID-19

at: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing/disruptions-drug-and-alcohol-testing-due-coronavirus-disease-2019>

Also available is the FMCSA Guidance Portal at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/guidance>. This web portal is a searchable, indexed database that contains and links to all guidance documents in effect from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

All employers must register and use the new National Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (DACH). DACH will be implemented January 6, 2020. The DACH is for all CDL drivers who operate CMVs on public roads, and their employers and service agents. This includes school districts, school bus drivers, and passenger carriers.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Agency (FMCSA) highly recommends schools and transportation contractors get registered and subscribe to email updates here <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Home/Subscribe>.

The Lincoln Office of the FMCSA has a drug and alcohol subject matter expert to answer questions and provide guidance for the new Drug and Alcohol Clearing House. Contact Jennifer Lancaster jennifer.lancaster@dot.gov or call 402-437-5928. She would also be a good resource for drug and alcohol presentations.

The following links provide drug and alcohol testing requirements that schools and employers of pupil transportation drivers holding a CDLs need to be aware of:

- <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/guidance>
- <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing/disruptions-drug-and-alcohol-testing-due-coronavirus-disease-2019>
- <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/>
- <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing/employers-resources-and-downloads>
- <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc/faq>
- <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc/program-guidance>
- [Drug and Alcohol Testing Brochure for Drivers](#)
- <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing/driver-resources-and-downloads>
- [Drug and Alcohol FAQs](#)
- [FMCSA Driver Medical Program](#)