

Update 3/23/2020: Important Information and Guidance Relating to the COVID-19 Emergency Situation

Drug Testing Guidance

ODAPC has posted guidance relating to the Drug and Alcohol Program during this time of National Emergency. That document can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc/compliance-with-dot-drug-and-alcohol-testing-regulations>. We will be adding that link to our Declaration page as well. Additional information specific to FMCSA operations is currently under discussion, but this initial guidance provides important information for employers and employees subject to drug and alcohol testing.

Emergency Declarations Page

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/expanded-emergency-declaration-under-49-cfr-ss-39023-no-2020-002-relating-covid-19>

Frequently Asked Questions

As previously mentioned, last night we published some FAQs on the emergency declaration. For reference, the link is <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/expanded-emergency-declaration-under-49-cfr-ss-39023-no-2020-002-relating-covid-19>. In addition, a PDF version of the FAQs is attached for your use.

Emergency Declarations Questions

A centralized mailbox is available for questions related to the emergency declaration. This mailbox is available for both internal and external stakeholders. The address is FMCSADeclaration@dot.gov.

Enforcement Notice on Expiring CDLs

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/enforcement-notice-expiring-cdl-32420>

This Notice of Enforcement Policy, effective from March 24, 2020 to June 30, 2020, provides needed relief from specified FMCSRs for CLP holders, CDL holders, and non-CDL drivers and motor carriers using those drivers. This Notice of Enforcement Policy applies to all CLP holders, CDL holders, and non-CDL drivers whose license was issued for less than the maximum period established by 49 CFR 383.25 and 383.73 and was valid on February 29, 2020 and expired on or after March 1, 2020.

Waiver for States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and Interstate Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/fmcsa-cdl-waiver-32420>

The waiver is effective until June 30, 2020 and provides important relief resulting from situations where many CDL and CLP holders are unable to renew their CDLs and CLPs and are unable to provide medical certificates to their State Driver Licensing Agencies. In addition, many medical providers nationwide have canceled regularly scheduled appointments to dedicate resources to the COVID-19 response. As a result, drivers are unable to obtain appointments for physical examinations with medical examiners.

PHMSA Notice of Enforcement Policy Relating to HM Training

<https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/news/phmsa-enforcement-policy-notice-regarding-hazardous-materials-training>

PHMSA has provided there will not take enforcement action taken against any HM employer and/or HM employee unable to provide the required “recurrent training” during the Covid-19 pandemic. This policy was coordinated across the Department and applies to FMCSA and all modes. It does not apply to initial training, or the need to have a new HM employee work under the supervision of a trained HM employee until they can get their initial training.