



NOTICE: Temporary Suspension of Breath Alcohol Testing (BAT)

Valued employers:

Valley Health remains committed to maintaining staff and customer safety while continuing care operations effectively during the current national public health emergency.

By the nature of their performance (forced exhalation), both Breath Alcohol Test (BAT) and spirometry expose health care staff and others in near proximity to respiratory droplets and aerosols from asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic individuals. Until further notice Valley Health Urgent Care and Employer Health Services will suspend performance of the Breath Alcohol Test (BAT).

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued guidance for carriers seeking to comply with 49CFR Part 382:

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/fmcsa-covid-19-drug-alcohol-testing-guidance>

Please click on the above URL re Recommended actions for FMCSA-regulated employers unable to conduct:

- *Random Testing*
- *Pre-Employment Testing*
- *Reasonable suspicion testing*
- *Return-to-duty (RTD) testing*
- *Follow-up testing*

Please see document, "DOT Guidance on Compliance with Drug and Alcohol Testing Regulations."

Sincerely,

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