

TRAVEL FOR ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL



March 27, 2020

PLEASE BE ADVISED

Local authorities have implemented a "Shelter-in-Place", "Stay-at-Home", or "Lock-down" order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This order **DOES NOT APPLY** to essential government services or functions that provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public.

The Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry conducts diagnostic services as a key function of operations for the United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) regulated employers and private employers. Accordingly, those operating in the drug and alcohol testing industry are required to report to work based on the needs of services provided in this essential capacity.

According to United States Department of Homeland Security's CISA (Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency) guidelines under the Healthcare and Public Health Sector (<https://www.cisa.gov/healthcare-and-public-health-sector>), these services provide continuity of operation and service delivery necessary for the majority of other sectors: Transportation System, Water and Wastewater, Communications, Emergency Services, and more.

Additionally, CISA'S "**Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response**" of March 19, 2020 states, "*If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule.*"

This document serves as notice by those performing duties or traveling to and from designated duty areas, to law enforcement or other authority enforcing the "shelter-in-place", "stay-at-home", or "lock-down" order that the document carrier's official job duties are required to ensure necessary services are provided for the health, safety, and welfare of the public and are in compliance with state laws.

Law enforcement may contact NDASA Executive Director Jo McGuire at (888) 316-3272 with any questions or confirmation of the necessity of industry services.

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