

LSUHSC NEW ORLEANS CAMPUS - SUPERVISOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DRUG TESTING & FITNESS FOR DUTY REFERRAL

The following steps are to be taken in order to comply with the LSUHSC Substance Abuse Policy and the Fitness For Duty Policy. These steps are being taken to ensure the safety of individuals while we wait for the drug test results. Supervisors who observe or receive any information about an individual's impairment or unsafe condition from alcohol or drugs or who have an individual involved in an accident/incident must:

1. Document the incident on an Administrative Referral Form.
2. Interview the individual.
3. Notify the appropriate Administrative Body or their designee (on attached list) to report the incident and obtain authority to make the referral.
4. Make a formal administrative referral to the Assistance Program (AP) by calling 568-3931.
5. Notify the Drug Testing Office by calling 568-4933.
6. Escort the individual immediately to the Drug Testing Office during normal working hours (after hours call 568-4933 to obtain the on-call counselor pager number).
7. Bring a copy of the Administrative Referral and Suspension Instructions From Work forms with you when you go to the Drug Testing Office.
8. Once the drug test is completed and the individual has been referred to the AP program, **immediately suspend the individual**, pending investigation, evaluation, and drug test results.
9. It usually takes 36-48 hours for the results of a negative drug test to come back. Positives must go through Medical Review Officer (MRO) verification and may take 72-96 hours. The MRO is a trained physician who will make sure the test results are correct. The length of time for completing a Fitness for Duty Evaluation will vary. If there are no complicating factors, it will take 36 to 48 hours from the initial screening until the individual is cleared to return to work/school by the AP. However, in more complicated cases the process may take longer and can require more than what the AP counselor can provide alone.
10. Advise the individual that returning to work/school is dependent on the outcome of the drug test results and the Fitness for Duty Evaluation. Inform them they may return to work/school if the alcohol breath and urine drug test results are negative and the Fitness for Duty Evaluation indicates the individual is fit to return to work/school. If the alcohol and/or drug test results are positive, corrective action up to and including termination from work or suspension from school may be initiated. Under certain circumstances, the individual may be eligible for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act. AP may also stipulate that the individual is fit to return to work/school only if the individual obtains treatment. The individual must be found fit for duty before returning to work/school.
11. Inform the individual if the AP finds them to be in need of further evaluation, medical treatment, and/or unfit to return to work/school for medical reasons, the individual will be placed on medical and/or annual sick leave as appropriate.
12. If you receive notice on individuals having a positive breath alcohol test, you must immediately notify the appropriate Administrative Body on-call or his/her designee of the outcome of the test.
13. If the breath alcohol test result is positive or the individual appears to be impaired, you should immediately notify a family member or friend that the individual cannot drive and is unable to work/school. A good faith effort to obtain transportation for the individual should be attempted.
14. You are **not** required to restrain the individual, take the individual's keys, or call the police.
15. Give the individual written instructions to check in daily with a designated supervisor while on suspension. The suspended individual needs to be informed to phone the supervisor each day at a certain time while on suspension and must be available to return immediately to work/school should there be a need for his/her return.
16. This individual **may not** return to work/school and should not be permitted to return until he/she has been cleared through the appropriate Administrative Body:_____. They will contact you with further instructions.
17. **NOTE: The fact that this individual has been referred to Assistance Program and to The Drug Testing Program is a CONFIDENTIAL matter and should only be discussed with your supervisor.**