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### **OHS to Host Free Lunch & Learn on Department of Transportation Clearinghouse**

For Immediate Release

**(COLUMBUS, Neb.)** – Columbus Community Hospital’s Occupational Health Services is hosting a free Lunch & Learn event on Tuesday, March 10 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Platte Room of CCH’s third floor conference center.

Community members are invited to attend the event to learn more about the Department of Transportation Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse is a secure online database that gives employers, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, state driver licensing agencies and state law enforcement personnel real-time information about commercial driver’s license and commercial learner’s permit holders’ drug and alcohol program violations. An act of Congress directed the Secretary of Transportation to establish the Clearinghouse, which became operational online on January 6, 2020.

The Clearinghouse enables employers to identify drivers who commit a drug and alcohol program violation while working for one employer, but who fail to subsequently inform another employer (as required by current regulations). Presenter Gilbert Banuelos, FMCSA, will provide an overview of the Clearinghouse requirements, as well as answer any questions.

A complimentary lunch will be served starting at 11:45 a.m. Preregistration for the Lunch & Learn is required by Friday, March 6. For more information on the event, contact Ileana Jarecki at 402-562-4490 or email [imjarecki@columbushosp.org](mailto:imjarecki@columbushosp.org).

#### **About Gilbert Banuelos:**

*Gilbert Banuelos is a safety investigator with the Department of Transportation. Prior to being a safety investigator, he worked with Customs and Border Protection alongside the Agriculture Department. Before that, he worked with the Transportation Security Administration. Banuelos received his Bachelor of Art degree in communication from Texas A&M International University.*

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