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### **Keeping you and your business on the road**

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**(COLUMBUS, Neb.)** – Columbus Community Hospital's Occupational Health Services provides Department of Transportation consortium services to more than 300 companies in Nebraska. The services cover transport companies, including ground shipping and trucking companies.

The department manages companies' random drug testing programs as mandated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

"Anyone with a commercial driver's license (CDL) and their employers should follow alcohol and drug testing rules," said Danielle Frewing, director of Occupational Health Services. "We are a quick, convenient and cost-effective resource to help drivers meet those requirements."

There are many benefits for companies that are part of a consortium. Frewing said it's beneficial to have a third-party administrator as outlined by the transportation regulations. It's also cost-effective — \$75 annually, regardless of company size.

"We like to make it very convenient and affordable for everyone," Frewing said. "Many of our companies are not in Columbus or the Columbus area, but we have ways to manage companies all over the state."

For example, Frewing said, if a company is in western Nebraska, the team can find a clinic in that area to perform that company's testing.

"There is no expectation for them to drive to Columbus for their random test," Frewing said. "If there is a post-accident test or a company has a new driver, we can coordinate testing at an off-site location."

Frewing said she realizes truck drivers do not work regular business hours, so Occupational Health Services is willing to accommodate drivers around the clock. She said even if a company is not a member or current client, it can still establish an account same-day and get an employee or driver tested.



"We realize the importance of timely drug and alcohol testing after a post-accident situation occurs, or when there is reasonable suspicion," Frewing said.

Another benefit to OHS's consortium services is that it provides an added layer of safety on the roads.

"When I'm driving down the road on the interstate and I see truck drivers driving beside me, sometimes I will recognize their truck as being one of our clients," Frewing said. "Those who I don't recognize, I hope they are in a consortium, following the regulations and adhering to guidelines, because we certainly don't want someone who is impaired driving a truck. That could be very devastating."

For more information on consortium services, contact Occupational Health Services at 402-562-4480 or visit [columbushosp.org](http://columbushosp.org).