

What to expect at a drug test

To ensure that an individual receives a seamless experience, MercyOne drug test specimen collectors are trained to follow standardized processes to help control the integrity of the drug test specimen and result. We follow the [collection guidelines](#) published by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) for urine drug testing.

Both parties involved – the collection site and the individual (donor) – should have reasonable expectations of what will take place during the drug test. If you have questions during the process, please ask the collector.

- **Bring a government-issued ID.** Examples include a driver's license, passport, or military ID. The drug testing process will not begin until a photo ID is presented.

The collector will:

- Ask you to empty your pockets, remove outer garments (e.g., coveralls, jacket, coat, and hat) along with purses, briefcases, bags, etc.
- Ask you to wash your hands in the designated area.
- Ensure that the water in the toilet or tank has a bluing agent in it. The toilet tank top may also be taped or secured shut, and water sources will be unavailable.

The restroom will not have soap, disinfectants, cleaning agents or any other possible adulterants present.

Additionally, items such as trash receptacles, paper towel holders, under-sink areas or ceiling tiles that appear suitable for concealing contaminants will not be in the restroom.

- You will be instructed to go into the restroom and provide a minimum of 60-milliliter urine sample from urinary meatus to collection cup. The sample must be within the appropriate temperature range.
 - If you cannot provide the required amount of urine for testing, it will be discarded and you will be given up to 40 ounces of water to drink and up to 3 hours to provide enough sample in one void.
 - If the sample is outside of the acceptable temperature range or shows any signs of tampering/adulteration, you will be asked to immediately re-collect it under direct observation by someone of the same gender.
- Once the urine drug testing process has begun, you may not leave the specified drug testing area, or it could be considered refusal to test, and the process will end. (This is determined by the company's policy.)
- The collector will not note any prescription drugs that you are taking on the chain of custody form. If you want a record of this, you should write it on the back of your copy of the chain of custody that you are given at the completion of the collection. If there are questions about your result, the MRO (Medical Review Officer) will call you.

Once the drug test collection is complete, MercyOne does not provide you the final drug test result. The final drug test result is reported directly to the employer ordering the test by the MRO who is the doctor reviewing the results.