



TESTING INFORMATION / PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

Drug Court Participant,

Each participant will be required to submit to random urine testing, while in the Drug Court Program. It is in your best interest to read through all the enclosed information regarding the alcohol and drug testing while in the Drug Court Program. You will be held accountable for this information.

- ALL testing must be completed at the designated testing agency, Traffic Safety Association (TSA). The instructions are attached.
- Testing at outside agencies or the probation department will not be accepted, if you missed testing at TSA or could not produce a sample.
- If you are tested in court or by the probation department and are scheduled to appear at TSA, you must still test at TSA during the allocated time slots.
- No oral swabs, patches or hair follicle tests will be permitted unless authorized by the Drug Court Team.
- Use of any type of “device” is not acceptable will be considered on case by case basis for termination from the program.
- Failure to provide a urine sample or the appropriate quantity for a urine sample will be considered an “Unable to Void” and treated as a Drug Court sanction.
- Do **NOT** drink more than normal before testing. Consuming too much water (or any other fluid), “flushing” will result in an adulterated test.
- “Adulterated” “Diluted” samples will be treated as a Drug Court Sanction.

- Failure to appear for testing, when scheduled will be treated as a Drug Court Sanction.
- Positive samples will be treated as a Drug Court Sanction.
- Positive ETG results will be treated as a Drug Court Sanction.
- You must test on the **same day** your color/word is called. “Re-Drops” on the following day will not be permitted.
- If you are scheduled to turn yourself in for a jail sanction and are scheduled to test at TSA the same day, you must test at TSA prior to reporting to the jail.
- Use of prescribed controlled substances is highly discouraged while in the program. Consideration will be given to those in emergency situations with the appropriate paperwork filed with the Drug Court within 24 hours. Long term use of prescribed medications is not acceptable and may lead to program termination. DO NOT bring in any prescriptions to TSA before it is reviewed whether or not you can take them by the Drug Court Team.
- **If your test has positive results you may pay an additional fee of \$25.00 to \$35.00 at TSA to have it sent out for confirmatory laboratory results. This will be at the participant’s expense. If you fail to challenge your test, your results will be submitted according to the Drug Court sanction policy.**
- Please be aware that on major holidays TSA will be open only during the morning. Please adjust your schedules in advance. If you fail to appear for testing on a holiday due to hours you will still be held accountable for a Drug Court Sanction.
- You may call or check online if your color/word has been called for the day. If you are not sure you may contact the Drug Court Office (586) 469-5016



Drug Testing Instructions

1. Call TSA **every day** after 5:00am to see if you need to test: **586-293-4667**. You may also check the words called on TSA website at: www.trafficsafetymacomb.org/.
2. You will be instructed to test on one of three options for Drug Court.
 - a. **PHASE, SANCTION or VIOLATION**
3. Testing is completely random through the month. Some months you may test more than the month prior. Call every day!! If you miss a test you will be sanctioned accordingly.
4. If for some reason the hotline is not working or you cannot access a computer, you can call the Specialty Court Services main number, (586) 469-5016 and request the words for the day.
5. The address for TSA is 32100 Utica Rd, Fraser, MI 48026.
6. TSA hours:
Monday thru Friday 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM & 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM
Saturday, Sunday and Holiday Hours: 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM

You need to be in TSA at least 10 minutes before these times to be tested.

7. If you have any questions regarding testing, please contact Christina Wohlfield or Agent Melissa Handlon.

ADULT DRUG COURT URINE TESTING AND INCIDENTAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE

Recent advances in science of alcohol detection in urine have greatly increased the ability to detect even trace amounts of alcohol consumption. In addition, these tests are capable of detecting alcohol ingestion for significantly longer periods of time after a drinking episode. In order to preserve the integrity of the Adult Drug Court testing program, it has become necessary for us to restrict and/or advise Adult Drug Court participants regarding the use of certain alcohol-containing products.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to limit your exposure to these products and substances detailed below that contain ethyl alcohol. It is **YOUR** responsibility to read product labels, to know what is contained in the products you use and consume and to stop and inspect these products **BEFORE** you use them. Use of the products detailed below in violation of this contract will **NOT** be allowed as an excuse for a positive test result. **When in doubt, don't use, consume or apply.**

Cough syrups and other liquid medications: Adult Drug Court participants have always been prohibited from using alcohol-containing cough/cold syrups, such as Nyquil. Other cough syrup brands and numerous other liquid medications rely upon ethyl alcohol as a solvent. Adult Drug Court participants are required to read product labels carefully to determine if they contain ethyl alcohol (ethanol). All prescription and over-the-counter medications should be reviewed with Drug Court staff before use. Information on the composition of prescription medications should be available upon request from your pharmacist. Non-alcohol containing cough and cold remedies are readily available at most pharmacies and major retail stores.

Non-Alcoholic Beer and wine: Although legally considered non-alcoholic, NA beers (e.g. O'Douls, Sharps) do contain a residual amount of alcohol that may result for alcohol, if consumed. Adult Drug Court participants are not permitted to ingest non-alcoholic beer or non-alcoholic wine.

Food and Other Ingestible Products: There are numerous other consumable products that contain ethyl alcohol that could result in a positive test for alcohol. Flavoring extracts, such as vanilla or almond extract, and liquid herbal extracts (such as Ginko Biloba), could result in a positive screen for alcohol or its breakdown products. Communion wine, food cooked with wine, and flambé dishes (alcohol poured over a food and ignited such as cherries jubilee, baked Alaska) must be avoided. Read carefully the labels on any liquid herbal or homeopathic remedy and do not ingest without approval from the Adult Drug Court staff.

Mouthwash and Breath Strips: Most mouthwashes (Listermint, Cepacol, etc) and other breath cleansing products contain ethyl alcohol. The use of mouthwashes containing ethyl alcohol can produce a positive test result. Adult Drug Court participants are required to read product labels and educate themselves as to whether a mouthwash product contains ethyl alcohol. Use of ethyl alcohol-containing mouthwashes and breath strips by Adult Drug Court participants is not permitted. Non-alcohol mouthwashes are readily available and are an acceptable alternative. If you have questions about a particular product, bring it in to discuss with the Adult Drug Court staff.

Hand Sanitizers: Hand sanitizers (e.g. Purell, Germex, etc.) and other antiseptic gels and foams used to disinfect hands contain up to 70% ethyl alcohol. Excessive, unnecessary or repeated use of these

products could result in a positive urine test. Hand washing with soap and water are just as effective for killing germs.

Hygiene Products: Aftershaves and colognes, hair sprays and mousse, astringents, insecticides (bug sprays such as Off) and some body washes contain ethyl alcohol. While it is unlikely that limited use of these products would result in a positive test for alcohol (or its breakdown products) excessive, unnecessary or repeated use of these products could affect test results. Participants must use such products sparingly to avoid reaching detection levels. Just as the court requires Adult Drug Court participants to regulate their fluid intake to avoid diluted urine samples, it is likewise incumbent upon each participant to limit their use of topically applied (on the skin) products containing ethyl alcohol.

Solvents and Lacquers: Many solvents, lacquers and surface preparation products used in industry, construction, and the home, contain ethyl alcohol. Both excessive inhalation of vapors, and topical exposure to such products, can potentially cause a positive test result for alcohol. As with the products noted above, Adult Drug Court participants must educate themselves as to the ingredients in the products they are using. There are alternatives to nearly any item containing ethyl alcohol. Frequency of use and duration of exposure to such products should be kept to a minimum. A positive test result will not be excused by reference to use of an alcohol-based solvent. **If you are in employment where contact with such products cannot be avoided, you need to discuss this with the Adult Drug Court staff. Do not wait for a positive test result to do so.**

REMEMBER – WHEN IN DOUBT, DO NOT USE, CONSUME, OR APPLY.



PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

If you have any testing issues such as a positive test, missed test, unable to void, adulterated test or failure to appear you will be expected to be in Court the next business day or next Drug Court session. You must contact the Drug Court office immediately for sanction instructions.

I have read the above information and understand my responsibilities for testing while participating in the Adult Drug Court Program.

Participant

Date

Specialty Court Coordinator

Date