Coronavirus Complicates Workplace Drug-Testing Programs

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David Barron was quoted in *SHRM* discussing how employers are also facing issues when handling drug-testing logistics during the pandemic. Typically, employers will send new hires and employees to an occupational health facility for drug screening, explained David. But many of these facilities are now being used for COVID-19 testing. Employers don't want to put workers at risk if facilities are being used to test people who have COVID-19 symptoms, he noted. So some employers are forgoing preemployment drug-testing altogether and others are putting testing on hold temporarily and telling new hires they will be tested at a later date when it is safe.

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