



PUBLIC NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

TO ADOPT THE REGULATION TO GOVERN THE METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF BLOOD AND BREATH SAMPLES FROM DRIVERS PRESUMED TO BE IMPAIRED BY THE USE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND/OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

In accordance to the powers and faculties granted by Act No. 81 of March 14, 1912, as amended, known as the "Organic Act of the Department of Health", Act No. 22-2000, as amended, known as the "Puerto Rico Vehicle and Traffic Law", and Act No. 38-2017, as amended, known as the "Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico", the Secretary of Health intends to adopt the "Regulation to Govern the Methods and Procedures for the Collection and Analysis of Blood and Breath Samples from Drivers Presumed to Be Impaired by the Use of Alcohol, Drugs, and/or Controlled Substances". This is carried out with the purpose of regulating the manner and location in which blood samples are to be collected, packaged, and analyzed in order to determine the blood alcohol concentration, drugs, or controlled substances present in those drivers stopped by the Puerto Rico Police, Municipal Police, or any authorized officer.

The proposed regulation is published on the Department of Health's website: www.salud.gov.pr. The general public is encouraged to provide their comments and suggestions within thirty (30) days from the publication date of this notice. Comments can be sent to the following email address: a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov, or via regular mail to the Department of Health, Legal Counseling Office, P. O. Box 70184, San Juan, P.R. 00936-8184. For those wishing to submit comments in person or to obtain a copy of the proposed regulation, please visit the Legal Counseling Office of the Department of Health. It is located at 1575 Ponce de León Avenue, State Road No. 8838, Km. 6.3 Rio Piedras, Sector Monacillos Ward, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A virtual public hearing is scheduled for **October 1st, 2026** starting at **10:00 a.m.** Any individual who wishes to take part in the public hearing is encouraged to send a message along with their e-mail address to the following address: a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov. They will receive an invitation containing instructions on how to connect to the virtual public hearing.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on September 25, 2026.


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