



MEMORANDUM

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VIA E-MAIL

TO: Officials Selected to Participate in the 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.

FROM: Randy L. Buhr  
Director, Championships and Alliances.

SUBJECT: Important COVID-19 Information for the 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship.

In order to conduct a safe championship, it is critical that all involved with the championship follow strict COVID-19 requirements and guidelines throughout the duration of the championship. **Officials should review all of the information below and complete all required tasks.**

Officials who are fully vaccinated are exempt from both pre-arrival and on-site testing. INDIVIDUALS WILL NEED TO BE FULLY VACCINATED AT THE TIME OF SCHEDULED TESTING TO BE EXEMPT FROM TESTING. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines state that individuals are deemed to be fully vaccinated 14 days or more from the time of their single-dose vaccine or second of two doses. Individuals must be 14 days removed from their single-dose or second of two doses prior to arriving on-site in order to be exempt from NCAA testing protocols. If an individual is less than 14 days removed from their single-dose or second of two doses prior to arriving on-site, they will be required to enter and complete NCAA testing protocols for the duration of the championship round. Fully vaccinated individuals will be required to provide proof of full vaccination at the initial time scheduled for testing. A fully vaccinated official MUST present their vaccination card, a copy of the vaccination card, a clear photo of the card stored on a phone or electronic device, or documentation of vaccination from a healthcare provider.

Please note that a fully vaccinated individual serving as an umpire in any round of the 2021 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship does not have to wear a face mask during competition.

The [testing protocols](#) for Tier 1 individuals, which includes all officials consists of the following requirements:

- You must produce a negative antigen test within one day of arrival or negative PCR test within two days of arrival at the given site. If there is a cost associated with your pre-arrival test it will be reimbursed. If you do not have the results of your test prior to your departure you should still plan to travel provided you are not experiencing any symptoms and you have not been in close contact with a known COVID-19 positive individual. Please note that all regional alternate umpires, super regional alternate umpires, and Men's College World Series alternate umpires need to also take the pre-arrival test in advance of the respective round in which you

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are listed as an alternate should you ultimately be needed to replace an umpire for that given round.

- If there is a cost for the required pre-arrival test that is not covered by insurance, the NCAA will reimburse up to \$150 for the test. A receipt and copy of the insurance denial are required for reimbursement.
- Testing upon arrival and quarantine until confirmed negative, followed by testing every other day while participating on-site.
- When not at the facility, as a Tier 1 individual, you should be spending the vast majority of your time in your hotel room. When outside of your hotel room please use an abundance of caution (mask up, physical distance, hand sanitizer, etc.).

The first on-site COVID-19 test for officials working in the regionals will occur between Noon-1 p.m. local time on Thursday, June 3. As such, officials need to plan to arrive at their regional site on Wednesday, June 2. Umpires will also need to test between 7-8 a.m. local time on Saturday, June 5 and from 7-8 a.m. local time on Monday, June 7 (if necessary). If these subsequent testing times were to possibly be changed for some unforeseen reason, this will be communicated with you by the NCAA site representative and/or the host institution tournament manager.

Registration (**action needed**):

1. Begin registration by accessing this [link](#). It is required and incredibly important that officials complete the registration process as soon as possible. Step-by-step registration instructions are as follows:
  - Click the Register button.
  - Authorize the use of your personal health information (needed for reporting of test results).
  - Complete your registration information (e.g., your name and contact information, etc.) and click Register (\*please use the email address you can access from your phone while on-site).
  - Create a username and password. Please remember this as you may need it to access your testing results later.
  - Consent to being tested by clicking Accept.
  - You are now on the Home page.
  - Complete the Assessment questions (includes demographic data required by health officials).
  - Complete the Additional Information section.
    - Affirm you have completed pre-arrival testing requirements (required).
    - Advise if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days (only if applicable).
    - Advise if you have received the full course of the COVID-19 vaccination (only if applicable).

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2. Following registration, you will receive a confirmation email with a QR barcode from NCAA Testing ([impacthealth@pdhi.com](mailto:impacthealth@pdhi.com)). Please be sure to have this email available when you arrive at your testing site. If you do not receive the email, be sure to check your spam folder. You can also re-send the email by logging back into the registration site with the username and password you set up.
3. Upon arriving to your scheduled testing time have your QR code available to proceed through testing. Results will be sent via email indicating if you are “Clear” or “Not Clear”. This email along with your credential will be required to gain access into the competition and/or practice venues.

Resources:

- Review the [NCAA COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols Informational Video](#). All officials are expected to view this video for additional guidance.
- Review the [NCAA Championship Testing Protocols](#) prior to departure for the championship (this is the same document referenced on the first page of this memorandum).
  - Officials who have a documented positive COVID-19 test between 14-90 days prior to arrival on-site, should note this at the NCAA Essential Staff COVID-19 Testing website after you have registered. Those individuals will be exempt from testing.
- Review [Code of Conduct](#). All officials must adhere to the code of conduct. As a Tier 1 official should not have close contact with someone that is not part of the tested community, this would include not having additional friends/family with you throughout your time at a respective championship site.

If you have any questions regarding the COVID-19 testing protocols or mitigation procedures please contact Chad Tolliver at the NCAA National Office ([ctolliver@ncaa.org](mailto:ctolliver@ncaa.org); 317-917-6706).

Thank you in advance for doing your part to keep NCAA Championships safe.

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