

AMERICAN

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

UMPIRE TESTING & OPERATIONAL PROTOCOLS

AAC COVID-19 MEDICAL ADVISORY GROUP TESTING POLICY

- ★ The American Athletic Conference is requiring all umpires working a mid-week game or weekend series to undergo COVID-19 PCR testing prior to competition.
- ★ The Conference and the umpire will follow the AAC COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group protocols that require a negative PCR test prior to competition.
- ★ If a member of the umpiring crew has a positive test or does not complete a test, the umpire(s) is/are prohibited from umpiring that contest.
- ★ If a member of the umpiring crew has an indeterminate, inconclusive, or lost test, that umpire will not be assigned to home plate during the game/series and will be assigned to the field.
- ★ If a member of the umpiring crew has an indeterminate, inconclusive, or lost test, that umpire has the option to take a rapid antigen test (at their own expense) and show proof of a negative result, then that umpire can be assigned to home plate.
- ★ If an umpire has had COVID-19 within 90 days of the date of the game assignment, please contact the Conference office liaison.
- ★ An umpire will not need to be tested starting two weeks following administration of the second round of the COVID-19 vaccine. Proper documentation must be submitted to the Conference office to verify.
- ★ **The Conference is providing and paying for the testing for the season.**

TEST KIT PROCEDURES

- ★ Each umpire working a home game hosted by an AAC institution will receive an email from Bobby Weygand two weeks prior to assignment. That email will contain a testing code to order your home kit delivered to you. Order your test kit within 24 hours of receiving the email.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING THE TESTS

- ★ Here is the link to set up their profile: <https://picturegenetics.com/covid19>.
- ★ They should click "Order Now" and start to answer the questions / plug in the information.
- ★ Each **test kit code** I will provide you is valid for one single test order. Each person will need to place their own order and create an account (interactive videos on the website demonstrating how the process works).
- ★ When you get to the final payment step, enter the gift code to zero out the cost of the order in the **"REDEEM HERE"** section of the payment screen.

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TESTING DAY SCHEDULE

- ★ You must administer the self-test as detailed below.

Test Day	Game Day
Friday	Tuesday/Wednesday mid-week
Monday*	Friday-Saturday-Sunday series
Monday*	Thursday-Friday-Saturday series

*FedEx does not have Sunday pickup.

COVID-19 TEST REPORTING

- ★ You will receive an email when your test is complete. The Conference will also be notified of the testing results.
- ★ If any member of the umpiring crew has a positive test or does not complete a test, the official (s) is prohibited from officiating the game.
- ★ Please contact your health care provider immediately if you test positive. An umpire who tests positive shall be isolated for at least ten days.

UMPIRE OPERATIONAL PROTOCOLS

- ★ Preferential use of hand signals.
- ★ The umpire's locker room must be arranged for individual areas for each umpire with physical separation between each, if being utilized. If this is not possible, umpires should be instructed to come to the facility ready to perform their duties.
- ★ Umpires on the field must wear face covering.
- ★ Face coverings are to be worn by all umpires while traveling to/from the site of competition.
- ★ Umpires are requested to drive in separate modes of transportation to the site of competition.
- ★ All umpires will self-temperature check 24 hours prior to the start of competition. All umpires must report any temperature in excess of 100.4 to the Conference assignor immediately.
- ★ All umpires will undergo symptom and temperature checks upon arrival to the stadium by the host medical staff.
- ★ During "non-competition" parts of the week, all umpires are expected to adhere to the standard CDC guidelines – temperature checks, symptom checks, handwashing, face coverings, social distancing.
- ★ A separate hydration system must be utilized for umpires as determined by the host institution. Water bottles or similar shall not be shared with inner bubble personnel.

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PREGAME MEETING

- ★ One coach will be allowed for each team and must remain physically distanced at a minimum. No physical contact (e.g., handshakes, fist bumps, etc.) between coaches and umpires. In addition, the coach should hand lineups to the home plate umpire, and the umpire verbally approves or asks any questions about the lineup.
- ★ One coach will be allowed to attend the plate meeting and must maintain social distancing while wearing a face covering. It is recommended coaches stand on the top outside corner of the batter's box at the meeting.
- ★ Use of verbal exchange, physically distanced while masked when making lineup changes from the coach to umpire and opposing team.

COACHES

- ★ Coaches are to remain an appropriate distance from umpires and the opposing team whenever possible and must be masked.
- ★ Coaches on the field (e.g., first base, third base) must wear face covering.
- ★ No spitting or chewing of sunflower seeds. Chewing gum is allowed.

PARTICIPATING STUDENT-ATHLETES

- ★ Players must retrieve their own hats, gloves, sunglasses, etc. from the dugout to take on to the field even if they end the inning on base or at the plate.
- ★ At all other times, student-athletes and other travel team members must refrain from unnecessary physical contact (e.g., high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, hugs, etc.) and maintain at least six feet distance from each other.
- ★ No spitting or chewing of sunflower seeds. Chewing gum is allowed.
- ★ Student-athletes are to remain an appropriate distance from umpires and the opposing team whenever possible.

TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

- ★ Student-athletes and coaches must stay on in their dugouts during team introductions.
- ★ Student-athletes, coaches and support staff shall not handshake/fist bump, etc. with other student-athletes and/or umpires at any time.

EQUIPMENT

- ★ Playing equipment that leaves the playing surface should be retrieved by a member of the tested personnel. Equipment (playing balls, bats, etc.) that is outside of the field of play can be retrieved by a non-tested individual as long as the equipment is properly disinfected and checked by the home plate umpire prior to reintroduction into the field of play.
- ★ Rosin bags should be provided by each participating team, and each student-athlete should use their own rosin bag. As a back-up, the host should have at least one rosin bag for each participating team involved in that given round of competition.
- ★ Host institution should use water as opposed to saliva and spitting (if applicable) when rubbing up game balls prior to games.
- ★ After an out, players are discouraged from throwing the ball around the infield.

Important Information About Your COVID Test

<p>Kits are delivered via FedEx 2-Day shipping (No deliveries on Sunday)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employees do not have to use their kits immediately and may hold on to them if appropriate• Kits expire 6 months after the order is placed
<p>Kit activation must occur the same day as sample collection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The FDA requires that the sample collection date is known• Swab samples are only valid for ~48 hours after collection
<p>Kits should be sent back with delivery timing in mind</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employees must send samples back via FedEx drop box on a weekday (do not drop off on a Saturday or Sunday, as we may not receive the sample on time)• The samples must be dropped off before the last FedEx Express pickup of the day• Our return labels are FedEx overnight
<p>Delivery limitations may apply</p>	<p>FedEx may experience impacted shipping times, particularly to Alaska and Hawaii</p>
<p>A note about insurance</p>	<p>Picture Genetics currently does not support insurance payments for our tests</p>

PICTURE COVID-19

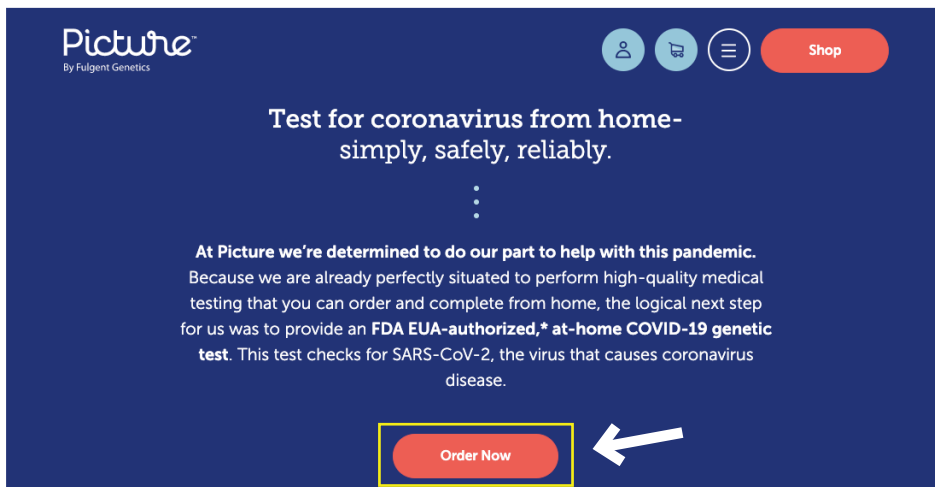
Test Gift Code Instructions

Step 1

Go to picturegenetics.com/covid19

Step 2

Click the **"Order Now"** button, and answer our eligibility screener questions. Then proceed through account set-up and order flow.



Step 3

To enter gift code, click here once you reach the **"Shipping"** section.

