

**Mid-American Conference
COVID-19 Umpires Testing Manual
Softball & Baseball**



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2020-21

Overview

2020-21 COVID-19 Umpires Testing Manual

This document has been developed in an effort to provide Mid-American Conference Softball and Baseball umpires and institutions with the policies and protocols that will be in place for the 2020-21 season relative to umpires COVID-19 testing. Umpires should note that institutional policies may continue to supersede conference policies and that umpires should contact the host institution during the week of their scheduled assignment to confirm any institutional requirements prior to and throughout any assignment.

Conference Office Contact

Questions relative to umpires testing should be directed to Jeff Bacon at the Mid-American Conference.

Jeff Bacon

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Pre-Season Conference Call

The Mid-American Conference will host a pre-season zoom meeting for all umpires to review testing protocols on **Monday, February 22nd at 7:00pm ET**. All umpires assigned to MAC competitions for the 2021 season are asked to participate on this call if available. Zoom information is provided below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4589675766?pwd=R1BSMmpKVGR6Nis2RUt0QmgvOENQdz09>

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Umpires Policies

Screening & Symptom Monitoring

All umpires assigned to Mid-American Conference competitions are expected to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 at all times. If, at any time, an umpire experiences symptoms of COVID-19 or receives a positive result from a COVID-19 test, that umpire must notify his or her Assignor immediately.

Testing

Umpires will be provided with at-home PCR COVID-19 test kits by the Mid-American Conference. Umpires will be required to conduct one (1) at-home COVID-19 PCR test each week that they are assigned to work a Mid-American Conference contest. **Please refer to [Page 5](#) for detailed testing instructions.**

Testing Exemption. The MAC Medical Advisory Panel has determined that an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 is not subject to weekly testing for 90 days from the date of the positive test unless the individual is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. If you have previously tested positive for COVID-19 and believe that this policy would apply, please contact Jeff Bacon at the conference office and provide a letter from your medical professional that provides affirmation of a prior positive test along with the date of the test result.

Departure

Temperature Check. Prior to departing for a MAC competition, umpires should self-administer a temperature check. Umpires with a temperature exceeding 100.4 should immediately notify their assignor or the host institution and be replaced by another Umpire.

Arrival

Screening. Upon arrival at a MAC institution, umpires are expected to submit to any on site screening requirements of the conference or host institution including temperature checks and symptom questionnaires. These requirements may vary by institution.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Masks & Face Coverings. Masks or face coverings are required to be worn by umpires at all times, including during competition.

Sanitizer. Host institutions will provide hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes at any high traffic areas. Umpires are encouraged to utilize these products regularly throughout the competition.

Competition Protocols

Social Distancing. Umpires are expected to properly social/physical distance from student-athletes, coaches and other personnel as possible. Physical contact with others should be avoided.

Venues. Host institutions will provide umpires with conference and institutional policies relative to umpires. Umpires are expected to comply with these policies.

Officiating Associations. Umpires should be familiar with protocols developed and provided by their Officiating Associations and are expected to comply with these protocols.

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Testing Protocols

Quest Diagnostics

The Mid-American Conference has partnered with Quest Diagnostics to provide and facilitate COVID-19 testing of softball and baseball umpires assigned by the Mid-American Conference. Testing is provided at no cost to MAC umpires and will be required in order to officiate any competition at a Mid-American Conference member institution.

COVID-19 Testing Requirements

Umpires will be required to take one (1) polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test during the week prior to any assignment from the Mid-American Conference. A negative result is required for an umpire to officiate a contest. Umpires that do not agree to COVID-19 testing, as outlined within this document, may opt out from MAC assignments with no penalty. To do so, please contact Bill Gomoluch or Rich Fetchiet immediately.

COVID-19 Testing Timeline

To ensure that results are received prior to a scheduled assignment, the following timeline is recommended:

- **11 Days prior to assignment** – Follow the instructions below to order an at-home testing kit. For a typical Fri-Sat-Sun series assignment, a test should be ordered two Mondays prior.
- **4 Days prior to assignment** – Administer and return ship the at-home testing kit (may reduce to 3 days at the instruction of the Mid-American Conference based on current testing results timeline). For a typical Fri-Sat-Sun series assignment, a test should be shipped to Quest on Monday, prior to the assignment.
- **1-2 Days prior to assignment** – Receive test results and e-mail your PDF results to Jeff Bacon and Bill Gomoluch/Rich Fetchiet. If testing results are not received in a timely manner, notify Jeff and Bill/Rich immediately.

COVID-19 Test Ordering Instructions

1. Visit [QuestDirectTest.com](https://questdirecttest.com) and choose “COVID-19 Active Infection test.”
 - You can find it by scrolling down the homepage to the “Our Most Popular Tests” section, or by clicking “Our Tests” in the upper-right corner and selecting the “Infectious Disease” test category.
2. Click “Add to Cart” and answer the screener questions.
 - To check out, click on the cart in the upper-right corner, and then click “Checkout.”
3. Sign in with your MyQuest™ account or create a new one to continue.
4. Select "Receive At-Home Kit."
5. Enter the unique promo code **QUESTMACOFFICIALS** into the “Promo Code” field.
 - This code will drop the cost of the test down to \$0
6. Accept the terms and conditions and complete the purchase.
 - Once completed, you will see a popup with demographic questions and then an order confirmation page.
 - You will receive an order confirmation via email.

Please note: If you are ordering additional kits for future contests, you will need to order each kit as a separate transaction.

COVID-19 Test Administration & Shipping Instructions

Please click the following link to view a video tutorial on self-test administration, and kit return/shipping.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CcpuJ0riWg&feature=youtu.be>

COVID-19 Test Results

After completing your COVID-19 test, you will receive your results in the [MyQuest patient portal](#) or mobile app. If you're a new MyQuest user, you will be asked to verify your account before you can receive your results.

- Download a PDF of your results once you receive them.
- **This PDF must be sent to both Jeff Bacon and Bill Gomoluch/Rich Fetchiet as soon as it is received.**

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