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VIA EMAIL

TO: Athletic Trainers, Conference Commissioners, Conference Senior Woman Administrators, Directors of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrators.

FROM: Joni Comstock
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SUBJECT: NCAA Championships COVID-19 Testing.

Diamond Health has been selected as the testing provider for selected NCAA championships and will be responsible for implementing a comprehensive COVID-19 testing process that will include applicable rapid antigen and rapid PCR testing at identified championship sites. Diamond Health has been enlisted to manage all facets of the testing process, including preregistration, authentication of previous negative tests, team scheduling and administration of onsite tests and necessary reporting to, and communication with, local health authorities.

For Diamond Health and affiliates to effectively manage this process, it will be critical that member schools provide certain information about potential event participants in advance. All member schools that plan to have teams/individuals participate in any round of NCAA championships must provide certain data elements for ALL NCAA sports, except for Division I men's and women's basketball; those sports will be collected separately. The requested information should be included for all anticipated travel party members, including coaches, administrators and any other personnel who may travel to any round of NCAA championships. Some of the data elements that will be required include:

- First Name.
- Last Name.
- School ID Number.
- Date of Birth.
- Gender.
- Sport.
- Classification (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, coach, staff, bus driver, etc.).
- Email.
- Mobile Number (required for notification purposes)

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Each team will be required to designate an individual as the "team health officer," responsible for ensuring that student-athletes and travel party members adhere to all testing and safety protocols. This includes making sure that each travel party member undergoes NCAA-defined COVID-19 testing and each element of daily health monitoring at the required times for the duration of the team's participation at preliminary and championship rounds of competition. The team health officer does not need to be a health care professional nor a member of the institution's or athletics department's medical staff. The team health officer must be familiar with the established protocols, available to address questions or concerns by student-athletes and team personnel and committed to ensuring all members of the travel party adhere to established protocols. The team health officer will be asked to communicate daily with the onsite COVID-19 testing coordinator regarding compliance with protocols and other policies and procedures. Each team shall provide the name, email address and mobile phone number of the team health officer as part of the registration process.

The vendor software system can accept exports from most existing software platforms currently used by members institutions, including the commonly used systems below:

- ARMS.
- JumpForward.
- Teamworks.
- ATS.
- SportsWare.
- SIMS.
- HealtheAthlete.
- PeopleSoft.
- Banner.
- Presagia.
- Any other system that can export data to .xls or .csv.

If your institution does not have the ability to submit the requested information via one of the above systems, you will be required to provide the information to the vendor in an alternative format. For detailed instructions that outline how to submit the necessary data (including the identification and registration of each member's team health officer), go to vivature.com/ncaa-championship. Here you will learn more information on how and what to submit to Vivature (they will be acting as Diamond Health's technology partner). *Note that Diamond Health and Vivature representatives will be conducting a webinar for the membership at 1 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, February 5, 2021, during which they will explain the registration process in detail and answer questions from webinar participants. Those individuals responsible for coordination of team travel, health or general team oversight are encouraged to participate and can register [HERE](#).* If you are unable to make the live viewing, a recording will be posted at vivature.com after the presentation.

Please note that the DEADLINE for completing your registration for all sports is Friday, February 12, 2021. If you are unable meet this deadline, please contact the vendor immediately by emailing NCAAchamp@vivature.com. Information for all potential participants and travelers **MUST** be in the database before arrival to be compliant with required event testing protocols. Any individual who is not preregistered will not be able to be tested and **CLEARED** for participation in the championship events.

The following testing protocols have been established for NCAA championships (protocols for Division I men's and women's basketball championships will be communicated separately). All participants and travel party members shall adhere to the following protocols:

Sport Transmission Risk	Testing Before Arrival Requirement	Testing Upon Arrival
Low and intermediate transmission risk sports (baseball, beach volleyball, bowling, cross country, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, indoor track and field, lacrosse, outdoor track and field, rifle, rowing, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis).	Negative antigen within one day of arrival, or negative PCR within two days of arrival.	Testing upon arrival and quarantine until confirmed negative, then testing every other day while participating on site.
High transmission risk sports, <u>outdoor</u> (football).	Negative antigen within one day of arrival, or negative PCR within two days of arrival.	Testing upon arrival and quarantine until confirmed negative, then testing every other day while participating on site.
High transmission risk sports, indoor (basketball, ice hockey, volleyball, water polo, wrestling).	Three times weekly on nonconsecutive days (antigen or PCR, confirmed negative), with a negative PCR within two days of arrival.	Testing upon arrival and quarantine until two consecutive tests are confirmed negative, then daily testing while participating on site.

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Please note that all prearrival tests will be the responsibility of the individual institution to secure, perform and report. All tests upon arrival at preliminary and final competition sites will be provided by the NCAA and administered by Diamond Health representatives. Given the prescribed testing protocols, it may be necessary for teams to arrive one to two days before the first official scheduled team activities to complete necessary testing protocols. Thus, teams should plan travel accordingly. To assist with travel plans, review the NCAA championship travel policies [HERE](#).

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