MEMORANDUM

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<u>VIA EMAIL</u>

TO: Participating Teams and Individuals in the
       2021 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships.

FROM: John Baldwin
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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Testing and Registration & 2021 Championship Replacement Policy.

A comprehensive COVID-19 testing process will be conducted at all Regional and Finals sites for the 2021 Division I Men's Golf Championships. All selected student-athletes, coaches and other Tier 1 travel party members will be required to participate in this process, which will include applicable rapid antigen and rapid PCR testing and/or proof of vaccination.

On April 29, the NCAA COVID-19 Medical Advisory Group updated its recommendations related to the exemption of fully vaccinated individuals from the NCAA testing protocols. The official release outlining those updates can be found here.

This exemption applies to all individuals that would be part of the tested community and means that there is no longer a requirement for pre-arrival or on-site testing for fully vaccinated individuals. Please note that individuals will need to be fully vaccinated at the time of scheduled testing to be exempted. The NCAA will follow CDC guidelines, which state that individuals are deemed to be fully vaccinated two weeks or more from the time of their single-dose vaccine or second of two doses for a double-dose vaccine.

Additionally, those individuals who are at least 14 days post-COVID-19 infection and within 90 days of the first known infection will not be required to undergo COVID-19 testing and contact tracing at championships.

Please note that all participants, including fully vaccinated individuals and those within the 90-day infection window, will still be required to report to their first scheduled on-site testing appointment to verify their vaccination status and/or enter the on-site COVID-19 testing process.

For individuals that are not fully vaccinated, the testing protocols for Tier 1 individuals will remain the same as previously announced. Those protocols for all non-vaccinated selected student-athletes, coaches and other Tier 1 travel party members, consist of the following requirements:

- Negative antigen within one day of arrival or negative PCR within two days of arrival at the given site.

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- Testing upon arrival and quarantine until confirmed negative, followed by testing every other day while participating on site.

At Regionals, the first on-site COVID-19 test for participating teams and individuals will occur the afternoon and evening prior to the practice round, on Saturday May 15. Teams will be tested during assigned time blocks. The next on-site COVID-19 test for participating teams and individuals will occur following the completion of the first round of competition, on Monday, May 17.

Following Regional selections, participating teams and individuals will be required to submit a listing of the Tier 1 travel party members, inclusive of up to 13 people per team and five people per individual participant. Additionally, selected teams will be required to complete a web-based testing registration; the testing registration link is available here.

Masking and physical distancing will be required at each site.

Additional COVID-related resources can be found at the links below:

- COVID-19 checklist for participating teams
- 2021 championship participant code of conduct expectations
- Testing registration user guide

In addition to the previously mentioned testing protocols, please be advised that the Division I Competition Oversight Committee has adjusted the replacement policies for all 2020-21 championships due to the necessary time needed to coordinate travel and successfully follow NCAA championships medical protocols, including COVID-19 testing requirements before departure from campus and upon arrival at the championship location. As such, **no replacement teams or individuals will be permitted beyond 24 hours after the Regional selection announcement**.

Additional information on this Division-wide policy can be found HERE.

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