

## 2021 America East Baseball and Softball Umpires' COVID-19 Testing Protocols

Umpires will be tested one (1) time prior to each **AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE** assignment for the duration of the 2021 spring season. PCR tests will be the standard utilized. The test must be administered as outlined below within three days of the competition date.

**Baseball:** Umpires must test once on the Wednesday morning prior to a weekend series (Saturday and Sunday). If working a Tuesday contest, umpires must test once on Saturday. If working a Wednesday contest, umpires must test once on Monday (most FedEx shipping centers do not ship on Sundays). For any other midweek games for which you are unsure, please contact Chris Marshall.

**Softball:** Umpires must test once on the Wednesday morning prior to the weekend series (Saturday and Sunday). If working a Tuesday contest, umpires must test once on Saturday. If working a Wednesday contest, umpires must test once on Monday (most FedEx shipping centers do not ship on Sundays). For any other midweek games for which you are unsure, please contact Cliff LaRose.

### Test Kit Distribution:

MAKO will mail test kits, return packaging and shipping labels to each umpire before the start of the season. Umpires should only submit one test for **America East** in the week they are assigned to an **America East** game or series. Note that one test kit contains one test tube.

Upon receipt of test kits, each umpire must review the information listed on each test tube to confirm accuracy (**name, date of birth and date of collection, account number - 17787**). If the information on the test tube is incorrect or not listed, write on an index card: your name, DOB, date of collection, and account number - **17787**. Samples that are returned with no information take longer to run and produce a result. **Please notify Chris Marshall and the America East Conference office if you have any questions.**

Instructional materials on how to self-administer the test are linked below:

[Mako self-administered test instructions](#)

**America East** has scheduled an information session/training webinar with MAKO for all umpires on **Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.**

### Schedule for Testing

Umpires will self-administer one (1) test kit within three days before an **America East** competition date.

### Instructions for Shipping

Please follow the instructions on the back of the FedEx Overpack that you received to properly package your test kit. **Using a black Sharpie pen, write "CHAD" or draw a "star" on the front and back of the outermost packing in large font.**

It is highly recommended to download the FedEx App on your smartphone. Drop package at a **FedEx Ship Center**, *Dangerous Goods FedEx Ship Center preferred*. To find FedEx closest to your location, visit <http://www.fedex.com/> and click through the following: Locations > Enter City or Zip> More > Dangerous goods shipping, then search to find a center closest to you.

If you come across any issues while at the FedEx location in which you need to reprint your shipping label, need additional packaging, etc. please use **FedEx Account Number: 591941704**.

**Please make sure your package is dropped no later than 10 A.M. EASTERN TIME** for FedEx Express for your selected location. Get a receipt when possible.

### Result Reporting and Notification

Umpires' tests will be processed upon arrival at the MAKO testing facility. The lab intends to have all results completed no later than 12-18 hours upon arrival to MAKO. Any initial positive result is always retested to ensure accuracy. All results will be reported to the Conference Office, and Conference staff will contact the coordinator with any positive test result. If an umpire does not hear from the coordinator, you have tested negative. Upon receipt of a positive test, umpires will be notified and removed from all game assignments until the umpire completes the isolation period.