



## More MLB, NHL and NFL Stadiums Achieve GBAC STAR Accreditation

**NORTHBROOK, Ill.—March 18, 2021—** The [Global Biorisk Advisory Council™](#) (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, today announced that 63 new facilities have achieved GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation, including Navy Pier in Chicago; McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas; TD Garden in Boston; Port of Portland in Portland, Ore.; and hotels around the world.

“The world needs cleaning professionals who are trained for outbreak and infectious disease preparation and response,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “GBAC STAR ensures just that to protect public health and safety and make facilities as clean as possible.”

Built in 1916 for shipping and recreational purposes, Navy Pier is now one of the most-visited destinations in the world. Known as the “People’s Pier,” it attracts more than 9 million visitors to its cultural venues, retail stores, and restaurants each year. In 2016, as part of its Centennial Vision, the pier was redeveloped to offer new enhancements, dining options, and design features.

In addition to heavily trafficked destinations like Navy Pier, GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation is also well-suited for smaller facilities such as restaurants, retail shops, and small businesses. Its adaptability to facilities of all sizes and types makes the performance-based program sought after around the world.

This week’s newly accredited facilities include:

### Airports

- McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas
- Oakland International Airport-Port of Oakland in Oakland, Calif.
- Philadelphia International Airport in Philadelphia

### Athletic Club

- Richard Simpson Lake House in Arlington, Texas

### Commercial Offices

- APEX Surface Care in Grapevine, Texas
- H&H Manufacturas Quimicas y Servicios S.A. in Managua, Nicaragua
- Oswald Building Services in Exton, Pa.
- Times Square Vietnam Investment Joint Stock Company in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

### Convention Centers

- Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau in Little Rock, Ark.
- Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco
- Pueblo Convention Center in Pueblo, Colo.
- TCF Center Detroit in Detroit
  
- Washington State Convention Center in Seattle



### Hotels

- Aloft Frisco in Frisco, Texas
- Aloft Plano in Plano, Texas
- Four Seasons Hotel Seattle in Seattle
- Hilton Anatole in Dallas
- Hotel 28 Myeongdong in Seoul, South Korea
- Hyatt Centric Gran Via Madrid in Madrid, Spain
- Hyatt Centric Milano Centrale in Milano, Mich.
- Hyatt House Branchburg in Branchburg, N.J.
- Hyatt House North Scottsdale in Scottsdale, Ariz.
- Hyatt House Portland/Beaverton in Beaverton, Ore.
- Hyatt Place across from Universal Orlando Resort in Orlando, Fla.
- Hyatt Place Atlanta Airport North in Atlanta
- Hyatt Place Bloomington/Normal in Normal, Ill.
- Hyatt Place Chicago/O'Hare in Rosemont, Ill.
- Hyatt Place Houston North in Houston
- Hyatt Place Hyatt House Indianapolis Fishers in Fishers, Ind.
- Hyatt Place Scottsdale-North in Scottsdale, Ariz.
- Hyatt Place Tegucigalpa Hotel in Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- Hyatt Raipur in Raipur, India
- Hyatt Regency Alger Aeroport in Dar El Beida Algiers, Algeria
- Hyatt Regency Amritsar in Amritsar, India
- La Peer Hotel in West Hollywood, Calif.
- Lotte Hotel St. Petersburg in St. Petersburg, Russia
- Mas de Torrent Hotel & Spa in Torrent Girona, Spain
- Mission Point Resort in Mackinac Island, Mich.
- Omni Hotel in Dallas
- Park South Hotel in New York
- Sheraton Orlando North Hotel in Maitland, Fla.
- Sport Hotel Hermitage & Spa in Soldeu, Andorra
- The Ritz-Carlton in Tokyo
- Tokyo Midtown in Tokyo
- The Sheraton Los Angeles San Gabriel in San Gabriel, Calif.

### Industrial Facility

- Kelsan, Inc. in Knoxville, Tenn.

### Museums

- KidZania USA in Frisco, Texas
- Navy Pier, Inc. in Chicago
- South Florida Science Center and Aquarium in West Palm Beach, Fla.

### Restaurants

- Bar Vasquez in Baltimore
- Charleston in Baltimore



- Cinghiale in Baltimore
- Johnny's in Baltimore
- Petit Louis Bistro in Baltimore

#### Retail Facility

- BIN 201 Wine & Spirits in Annapolis, Md.
- BIN 604 Wine & Spirits in Baltimore

#### Small Business

- The Point Distillery LLC in New Port Richey, Fla.

#### Stadiums and Arenas

- Comerica Center in Frisco, Texas
- Delaware North Company-TD Garden in Boston, home of the NBA's Boston Celtics and the NHL's Boston Bruins
- FirstEnergy Stadium in Cleveland, home of the NFL's Cleveland Browns
- Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio, home of the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets
- RP Funding Center in Lakeland, Fla.

#### Transportation Provider

- Port of Portland in Portland, Ore.

“GBAC STAR has helped facilities reopen safely and remain operational during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “By creating safer and cleaner environments, these organizations are able to protect their employees, customers, and visitors while also supporting the bottom line during these difficult times.”

Learn more and apply for GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation at [gbac.org/star](https://gbac.org/star).

Find accredited facilities and those pursuing accreditation via the GBAC STAR Facility Directory at [gbac.org/directory](https://gbac.org/directory).

#### **About GBAC, a Division of ISSA**

Composed of international leaders in the field of microbial-pathogenic threat analysis, mitigation, response, and recovery, the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, provides training, guidance, accreditation, certification, crisis management assistance, and leadership to government, commercial and private entities looking to mitigate, quickly address, and/or recover from biological threats and real-time crises. The organization's services include biorisk management program assessment and training, Forensic Restoration® response and remediation, the GBAC STAR facility accreditation program, training and certification of individuals, and consulting for building owners and facility managers. For more information, visit [www.gbac.org](https://www.gbac.org).

#### **About ISSA**

With more than 9,300 members – including distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, wholesalers, building service contractors, in-house service providers, residential cleaners, and associated



service members – ISSA is the world’s leading trade association for the cleaning industry. The association is committed to changing the way the world views cleaning by providing its members with the business tools they need to promote cleaning as an investment in human health, the environment, and an improved bottom line. Headquartered in Northbrook, Ill., USA, the association has regional offices in Mainz, Germany; Whitby, Canada; Parramatta, Australia; Seoul, South Korea; and Shanghai, China. For more information about ISSA, visit [www.issa.com](http://www.issa.com) or call (800) 225-4772 (North America) or (847) 982-0800. For information on ISSA’s Canadian division, ISSA Canada, visit <http://www.issa-canada.com> or call (866) 864-8273 or (905) 665-8001.

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**MediaEdge is a proud reseller of the GBAC STAR and GBAC fundamentals online course. Please see the program details and links below and remember to use the promo codes when registering as they provide discounts.**

1. Commercial facility owners looking for GBAC STAR accreditation can follow the link [here](#).
2. ISSA has also released a new GBAC fundamentals online course specifically designed for cleaning workers on the frontlines of the coronavirus fight. Please click [here](#) to register and receive a discount off normal prices.

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