



GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation Takes Flight with American Association of Airport Executives

NORTHBROOK, Ill.— Feb. 5, 2021— The [Global Biorisk Advisory Council™](#) (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, today announced that its established partnership and working group with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) has led to 21 airports across North America achieving GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation. These include Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, Jacksonville International Airport, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, and more. More than [30 additional airports](#) have also committed to earn accreditation.

“Over the last several months, we’ve worked closely with AAAE Working Group members to enable airport executives to enhance their cleaning protocols and achieve GBAC STAR accreditation,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “This partnership has helped airports and their staff commit to achieving a higher level of clean today, tomorrow, and well after the pandemic is over.”

The GBAC STAR program guides facilities on cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention best practices for biohazard situations, such as the novel coronavirus. In addition to numerous airports achieving or working toward GBAC STAR, American Airlines [earned accreditation](#) for its fleet and Admirals Club lounges last month.

“Our partnership with ISSA and GBAC has assisted our members in deploying additional tools and knowledge to implement best practices around cleaning and disinfection,” AAAE Executive Vice President Jacky Sher Raker said. “We’re thrilled that over 20 facilities have already achieved accreditation, with many more to come. Public health is a critical focus for airports, and we’re proud of the role we’ve played working with ISSA and GBAC to help certify the important work our members are doing to clean and disinfect their facilities.”

The following airports have earned GBAC STAR accreditation:

- Aéroports de Montréal in Dorval, Quebec
- Albany International Airport in Colonie, N.Y.
- Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, N.C.
- Columbia Metropolitan Airport in West Columbia, S.C.
- Columbus Regional Airport Authority in Columbus, Ohio
- Dallas Love Field Airport in Dallas
- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Dallas
- Eugene Airport in Eugene, Ore.
- Jacksonville International Airport in Jacksonville, Fla.
- Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport in Kenner, La.
- Manchester-Boston Regional Airport in Manchester, N.H.
- Meadows Field Airport in Bakersfield, Calif.
- Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport in Minneapolis
- Myrtle Beach International Airport in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport in San Jose, Calif.



- Orlando International Airport in Orlando, Fla.
- Palm Beach International Airport in Palm Beach County, Fla.
- Salisbury Regional Airport in Salisbury, Md.
- Seattle Tacoma International Airport in Seattle
- Tucson Airport Authority in Tucson, Ariz.
- Yampa Valley Regional Airport in Hayden, Colo.

“Health and safety has been the top priority for our flyHealthy@SEA program and to be recognized by GBAC is the gold standard to show the public the rigorous efforts we’ve taken,” said Jinah Kim, Senior Manager of Aviation Custodial Services, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. “Having someone as respected as GBAC to verify our efforts shows we are on track for cleaning and disinfecting protocols and procedures, a critical part in our response to COVID-19.”

“Maintaining public trust and providing a facility where travelers can feel safe has always been at the forefront of MYR’s planning and pandemic response. The airport is committed to providing a clean, safe, and healthy environment for its patrons and staff,” said Scott Van Moppes, Director of Airports, Myrtle Beach International Airport. “Achieving this accreditation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team who continues to work diligently in order to meet the high standards that passengers expect when traveling.”

For more information, visit aaae.org/gbac.

For more information about GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation, visit gbac.org/star.

To view the full list of facilities that have achieved accreditation or are working towards this designation, visit the GBAC STAR Facility Directory at 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.

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,



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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](#) and use the promo code **"MediaEdgeGS"**
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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