



Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Safely Transports Customers with GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation

NORTHBROOK, Ill.—April 15, 2021— The five airports operated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) — John F. Kennedy International Airport, Newark Liberty International Airport, LaGuardia Airport, New York Stewart International Airport, and Teterboro Airport — along with their terminals and fixed-base operators, have earned the gold standard of cleanliness, GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation, through the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council](#)™ (GBAC), a Division of ISSA. The certification makes PANYNJ the largest airport system to achieve GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation to date.

“For facilities like international airports, GBAC STAR accreditation strengthens quality management systems that enables airport terminals to effectively identify, assess, control, and evaluate their operations associated with cleaning, disinfection, and infection diseases prevention,” said GBAC Director Dr. Gavin Macgregor-Skinner. “As more people are traveling, we are excited to help airports provide the assurance and establish confidence that their indoor spaces are safe and healthy using the 20 GBAC STAR Program Elements for continuous improvement.”

“Our team is committed to working with our many business partners across five airports, 13 passenger terminals and nine fixed-base operators, to deliver the highest levels of safety for employees and our customers,” said Port Authority of NY & NJ Acting Chief Operating Officer and Director of Aviation Huntley A. Lawrence. “While we have made significant improvements and enhancements following the implementation of a series of safety initiatives, we knew we needed independent verification of our collective, herculean effort. This accreditation from GBAC—the global gold standard for infectious disease prevention in public facilities—confirms our commitment to continuous improvement and world-class operations.”

Founded in 1921, PANYNJ is celebrating its centennial this year with events including a commemorative ceremony on April 30, 2021. GBAC STAR accreditation aligns with the public transportation agency’s commitment to safety, the customer experience, sustainability, and operational excellence. World-class infrastructure improvements will further set the region up for success in the 21st century. LaGuardia Airport’s state-of-the-art Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall opened in June 2020 and is just one example of the Port Authority’s transformational focus.

PANYNJ accredited facilities include:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport (PANYNJ) in New York
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (PANYNJ) General Aviation Building in New York
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (PANYNJ) Sheltair Aviation Services in New York
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal 1 in New York
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal 4 in New York
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal 5 in New York
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal 7 in New York
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal 8 in New York
- LaGuardia Airport (PANYNJ) in New York



- LaGuardia Airport (PANYNJ) Sheltair Aviation Services in New York
- LaGuardia Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal A in New York
- LaGuardia Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal B in New York
- LaGuardia Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal C in New York
- LaGuardia Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal D in New York
- Newark Liberty International Airport (PANYNJ) in Newark, N.J.
- Newark Liberty International Airport (PANYNJ) Signature Aviation in Newark, N.J.
- Newark Liberty International Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal A in Elizabeth, N.J.
- Newark Liberty International Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal B in Newark, N.J.
- Newark Liberty International Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal C in Newark, N.J.
- New York Stewart International Airport (PANYNJ) in New Windsor, N.Y.
- New York Stewart International Airport (PANYNJ) Atlantic Aviation in New Windsor, N.Y.
- New York Stewart International Airport (PANYNJ) Terminal in New Windsor, N.Y.
- New York Stewart International Airport (PANYNJ) Signature Flight Support in New Windsor, N.Y.
- Teterboro Airport (PANYNJ) in Teterboro, N.J.
- Teterboro Airport (PANYNJ) Atlantic Aviation in Teterboro, N.J.
- Teterboro Airport (PANYNJ) Jet Aviation in Teterboro, N.J.
- Teterboro Airport (PANYNJ) Meridian in Teterboro, N.J.
- Teterboro Airport (PANYNJ) Signature Flight Support (East & West) in Teterboro, N.J.
- Teterboro Airport (PANYNJ) Signature Flight Support (South) in Teterboro, N.J.

“GBAC STAR accreditation continues to gain ground around the world because it provides clear direction on cleaning procedures, ensures leadership and frontline cleaning staff are committed to a higher standard of cleanliness, and gives the public confidence that these facilities are safe to enter,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett.

Learn more and apply for GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation at gbac.org/star.

Find accredited facilities and those pursuing accreditation via 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.

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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 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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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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