



United Center, Largest Arena in United States, Cleans for Health with GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation

Convention centers, hotels, cultural venues, and more raise the standard for cleaning and disinfection

NORTHBROOK, Ill.—July 15, 2021—The United Center in Chicago, the largest arena in the United States, has reached another milestone with its GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation from the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council™](#), (GBAC), a Division of ISSA. Additional facilities to earn the accreditation for cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention include Boston Symphony Hall in Boston; Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart in Atlanta; Yorkdale Shopping Centre in Toronto; hotels around the world, and more.

“From stadiums to hotels to convention centers to malls, there are many facilities around the world that are implementing cleaning for health best practices that maximize health and safety, efficiency, and resources,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “Now when people visit new or favorite facilities, they can be confident that their wellbeing is a top priority.”

The United Center, home of the Chicago Bulls and Chicago Blackhawks, hosts more than 200 events each year and has welcomed over sixty million guests since its opening in 1994. Meanwhile, Boston Symphony Hall is a historic concert hall that was built in 1900 and is home to the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Featuring an organ that is more than 70 years old, replicas of Greek and Roman statues, and stunning architecture, the building is considered one of the top concert halls in the world.

The latest facilities to achieve GBAC STAR accreditation include:

Commercial Offices

- A&S Total Cleaning in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- American Bank Center in Corpus Christi, Texas
- The Trade Group in Grapevine, Texas

Convention Centers

- Albany Capital Center in Albany, New York
- Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart in Atlanta
- Regina Exhibition Association Limited in Regina, Saskatchewan

Hotels

- 137 Pillars Suites & Residences Bangkok in Bangkok
- Andaz Shenzhen Bay in Guangdong, China
- Best Western Plus Anaheim Inn in Anaheim, Calif.
- Hotel de Paris Monte-Carlo in Monte Carlo, Monaco
- Hotel Hermitage in Monte Carlo, Monaco
- Hyatt Centric Janakpuri in New Delhi



- Hyatt Regency Cape Town in Cape Town, South Africa
- Le M de Megeve in Megeve, France
- LOTTE Hotel Saigon in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas
- Thompson Hollywood in Los Angeles

Industrial Facility

- Benmart AG, S.A.P.I. de C.V. in Jalisco, Mexico

Museums or Cultural Venues

- Northwest Washington Fair in Lynden, Wash.
- Port Discovery Children's Museum in Baltimore

Retail Facility

- Yorkdale Shopping Centre, Oxford Properties Group in Toronto

Stadiums or Arenas

- Rogers Place in Edmonton, Alberta, home to the NHL's Edmonton Oilers
- United Center in Chicago, home to the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks and the NBA's Chicago Bulls

Theatre or Performing Arts Center

- Boston Symphony Hall in Boston

"We are thrilled that so many facilities are taking advantage of the GBAC STAR accreditation program and making their environments safer for guests and employees," said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. "Cleanliness will continue to be an important consideration for people when choosing where to visit, and organizations that have a clear and organized approach set themselves up for success."

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

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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.

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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