



Metropolitan Transportation Authority of New York has a New Map for Cleanliness and Infection Prevention with GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation

Additional facilities in North America, Europe, and Asia earn accreditation

ROSEMONT, Ill.—January 20, 2022—The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in New York, which comprises the nation’s largest bus fleet and more subway and commuter rail cars than all other U.S. transit systems combined, has achieved GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation from the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council™](#) (GBAC), a Division of ISSA. More than 50 additional facilities, including airports, convention center, and hotels, have also earned the cleaning industry’s only outbreak prevention, response, and recovery accreditation for facilities.

“Facilities like airports, convention centers, hotels, schools, and others need to understand the fundamentals behind cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “GBAC STAR accreditation is an incredible tool for not only educating cleaning professionals, but for giving building visitors greater peace of mind about their health and safety.”

The performance-based GBAC STAR program requires facilities to meet specific requirements in order to earn accreditation and display the seal that promotes their commitment to public health and safety. Thousands of facilities have either achieved or are currently working towards accreditation so that their teams understand how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from biorisks. Outsourced commercial cleaning providers, destinations, and events can also achieve accreditation through the GBAC STAR™ Service, GBAC STAR™ Destination, and GBAC STAR™ Event accreditation programs respectively.

The latest facilities to achieve GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation include:

Aged Care Facility or Nursing Home

- Trinity in Yongsan-gu, South Korea

Airports

- Albuquerque International Sunport in Albuquerque, N.M.
- Appleton International Airport in Appleton, Wis.
- Charlottesville Albemarle Airport Authority in Charlottesville, Va.
- Memphis International Airport in Memphis, Tenn.
- Norfolk Airport Authority in Norfolk, Va.

Commercial Offices

- EDL Energy in Lansing, Mich.
- PASARROYO in Pasadena, Calif.
- SMARTstart Entrepreneur Centers in Dade City, Fla.



- WATERMARK I in San Diego
- WATERMARK II in San Diego

Convention Centers

- Ariake Central Tower Hall & Conference, Magnet Studio in Tokyo
- Centro Citibanamex in Mexico City
- Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, Ga.
- Kanda Myoujin Hall, Magnet Studio in Tokyo
- Nihonbashi Mitsui Hall, Magnet Studio in Tokyo
- Osaki Bright Core Hall, Magnet Studio in Tokyo
- Otemachi Mitsui Hall, Magnet Studio in Tokyo
- PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg, Pa.
- Portland Exposition Building/City of Portland, Maine in Portland, Maine
- Santa Clara Convention Center in Santa Clara, Calif.
- Sapporo Convention Center in Hokkaido, Japan
- Shinagawa Front Building Conference, Magnet Studio in Tokyo
- Shinagawa Intercity Hall & Conference, Magnet Studio in Tokyo
- St. Charles Convention Center in Saint Charles, Mo.
- The Grand Hall, Magnet Studio in Tokyo

Hotels

- Amathus Beach Hotel in Limassol, Cyprus
- Anjum Hotel Makkah in Makkah, Saudi Arabia
- Casadelmar Hotel in Porto-Vecchio, France
- Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center in Frisco, Texas
- Fujiya Hotel in Kanagawa, Japan
- Halekulani Okinawa in Okinawa, Japan
- Hilton Garden Inn Bethesda in Bethesda, Md.
- Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo in Tokyo
- Hyatt Centric Downtown Nashville in Nashville, Tenn.
- Hyatt Centric Lakeside Ningbo in Ningbo, China
- Hyatt Place Kathmandu in Kathmandu, Nepal
- Hyatt Place Vadodara in Vadodara, India
- Hyatt Regency Barcelona Tower in Barcelona, Spain
- Hyatt Regency Guangzhou Zengcheng in Guangzhou, China
- Hyatt Regency Houston West in Houston
- Kobe Portopia Hotel in Hyogo, Japan
- Nimb Hotel in Copenhagen, Denmark
- Paradise Hotel Busan in Busan, South Korea
- Portola Hotel & Spa at Monterey Bay in Monterey, Calif.
- Thompson Savannah in Savannah, Ga.



Museum or Cultural Venue

- Seven Luck Casino, Gangnam COEX in Seoul, South Korea

School

- Collegium Charter School in Exton, Pa.

Stadiums or Arenas

- Simmons Bank Arena in Little Rock, Ark.

Theatres or Performing Arts Centers

- Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco
- Harris Theater in Pittsburgh
- Kimmel Center Inc. in Philadelphia

Transportation Provider

- Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York

Learn more and apply for GBAC STAR Accreditation at gbac.org/star.

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, infectious disease and biological material response and remediation, the GBAC STAR™ Facility and Service Accreditation Programs, 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 10,500 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 Rosemont, Ill., USA, the association has regional offices in Milan, Italy; 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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