



NBA and NHL Arenas, Airports, Convention Centres, and More Secure GBAC STAR™ Accreditation for High Cleanliness Standards

NORTHBROOK, Ill. — Dec. 18, 2020 — This week, 126 additional facilities have achieved GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation from the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council™](#) (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, demonstrating their commitment to cleanliness, health, and safety. These include American Airlines Arena in Miami, home to the NBA's Miami Heat; Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) in Charlotte, N.C.; the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Ore.; Hyatt hotel properties; and more.

“GBAC STAR accredited facilities make proper cleaning and disinfection an ongoing priority,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “We are excited to witness the work that organizations are putting into protecting their employees and the public, now and in the future.”

The GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation Program is designed to guide facilities on cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention, and instill confidence in those who work and visit these places. Facilities of all types and sizes are eligible to pursue GBAC STAR accreditation and must fulfill 20 program elements to display the GBAC STAR seal.

The following facilities have achieved GBAC STAR accreditation this week:

Airports

- Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) in Charlotte, N.C.
- Columbia Metropolitan Airport in Columbia, S.C.

Arenas/Stadiums

- Amalie Arena in Tampa, Fla., home to the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning
- American Airlines Arena in Miami, home to the NBA's Miami Heat
- Amway Center in Orlando, Fla., home to the NBA's Orlando Magic
- Dr. Pepper Ballpark in Frisco, Texas, home to the MiLB's Frisco RoughRiders
- Great Park Ice and Five Point Arena in Irvine, Calif., the practice facility for the NHL's Anaheim Ducks
- Smith's Ballpark in Salt Lake City, home to the MiLB's Salt Lake Bees
- The Gallivan Center in Salt Lake City
- Wings Event Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Convention Centres

- Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Ore.
- TCU Place in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- Waco Convention Center in Waco, Texas

Hotels

- Acqualina Resort & Residences on the Beach in Sunny Isles Beach, Fla.
- Alila Villas Uluwatu in Badung, Indonesia
- Andaz London Liverpool Street in London
- Andaz West Hollywood in West Hollywood, Calif.

- Destination Residences Hawai'i Wailea in Kihei, Hawaii
- Grand Hyatt Goa in Panaji, India
- Grand Hyatt Incheon in Incheon, South Korea
- Hana Maui Resort in Hana, Hawaii
- Highland Inn Carmel in Carmel, Calif.
- Hôtel du Palais Biarritz in Biarritz, France
- Hotel El Palace Barcelona in Barcelona, Spain
- Hotel Il Pellicano in Porto Ercole, Greece
- Hyatt Centric Arlington in Arlington, Va.
- Hyatt Centric Downtown Portland in Portland, Ore.
- Hyatt Centric Guatemala in Guatemala, Guatemala
- Hyatt Centric Murano Venice in Venice, Italy
- Hyatt Centric San Salvador in Antiguo Cuscatlan, El Salvador
- Hyatt House Anchorage in Anchorage, Alaska
- Hyatt House Charlotte/Center City in Charlotte, N.C.
- Hyatt House Chicago Schaumburg in Schaumburg, Ill.
- Hyatt House Hartford North/Windsor in Windsor, Conn.
- Hyatt House Jersey City in Jersey City, N.J.
- Hyatt House LA-University Medical Center in Glendale, Calif.
- Hyatt House Mt. Laurel in Mt. Laurel, N.J.
- Hyatt House Nashville at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn.
- Hyatt House Philadelphia/King of Prussia in King of Prussia, Pa.
- Hyatt House Raleigh North Hills in Raleigh, N.C.
- Hyatt House San Juan in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Hyatt Hyderabad Banjarahills in Hyderabad, India
- Hyatt Lodge Oak Brook in Oak Brook, Ill.
- Hyatt Paris in Paris
- Hyatt Paris Madeleine in Paris
- Hyatt Place Amarillo-West in Amarillo, Texas
- Hyatt Place at Anaheim Resort and Convention Center in Anaheim, Calif.
- Hyatt Place Atlanta Airport South in College Park, Ga.
- Hyatt Place Boise/Downtown in Boise, Idaho
- Hyatt Place Bricktown/Oklahoma City in Oklahoma City
- Hyatt Place Buffalo Amherst in Amherst, N.Y.
- Hyatt Place Champaign/Urbana in Champaign, Ill.
- Hyatt Place Changsha Meixihu in Changsha, China
- Hyatt Place Ciudad del Carmen in Ciudad del Carmen Campeche, Mexico
- Hyatt Place Cleveland/Westlake/Crocker Park in Westlake, Ohio
- Hyatt Place Dallas/North Arlington/Grand Prairie in Grand Prairie, Texas
- Hyatt Place Delano in Delano, Calif.
- Hyatt Place Denver Cherry Creek in Glendale, Colo.
- Hyatt Place Deqing in Deqing, China
- Hyatt Place East Moline/Quad Cities in East Moline, Ill.
- Hyatt Place Eugene/Oakway in Eugene, Ore.
- Hyatt Place Foshan Lishui in Foshan, China
- Hyatt Place Grand Rapids/Downtown in Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Hyatt Place Heathrow in West Drayton, England, United Kingdom

- Hyatt Place Herndon/Dulles Airport-East in Herndon, Va.
- Hyatt Place Hyderabad Banjara Hills in Hyderabad, India
- Hyatt Place Jacksonville St. Johns Town Center in Jacksonville, Fla.
- Hyatt Place Lansing East in Lansing, Mich.
- Hyatt Place Liuzhou in Liuzhou, Gugangxi, China
- Hyatt Place Miami Airport East in Miami
- Hyatt Place Page in Page, Ariz.
- Hyatt Place Phoenix-Chandler Fashion Center in Chandler, Ariz.
- Hyatt Place Pune Hinjawadi in Pune, India
- Hyatt Place Richmond Airport in Richmond, Va.
- Hyatt Place Riyadh Hotel/Al Sulaimania in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- Hyatt Place San Jose/Pinares in San Jose, Costa Rica
- Hyatt Place San Juan City Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Hyatt Place San Pedro Sula in San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- Hyatt Place Sao Jose do Rio Preto in Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil
- Hyatt Place Sterling Dulles North in Sterling, Va.
- Hyatt Place Tijuana in Tijuana Baja California Sur, Mexico
- Hyatt Place Tokyo Bay in Urayasu, Chiba, Japan
- Hyatt Place Tucson Airport in Tucson, Ariz.
- Hyatt Regency & Hyatt House Manchester in Manchester, United Kingdom
- Hyatt Regency Birmingham-The Wynfrey Hotel in Hoover, Ala.
- Hyatt Regency Casablanca in Casablanca, Morocco
- Hyatt Regency Chantilly in Vineuil Saint-Firmin, France
- Hyatt Regency Cologne in Koln, Germany
- Hyatt Regency Fairfax in Fairfax, Va.
- Hyatt Regency Gurgaon, in Gurgaon, Haryana, India
- Hyatt Regency Indian Wells in Indian Wells, Calif.
- Hyatt Regency Jinan in Jinan, China
- Hyatt Regency Kinabalu in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
- Hyatt Regency Lexington in Lexington, Ky.
- Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel and Spa in Monterey, Calif.
- Hyatt Regency Princeton in Princeton, N.J.
- Hyatt Regency Schaumburg in Schaumburg, Ill.
- Hyatt Regency Thessaloniki in Thessaloniki, Greece
- Hyatt Regency Tokyo in Tokyo
- Hyatt Regency West Hanoi in Hanoi, Australia
- Hyatt Zilara Cancun in Cancun, Mexico
- Hyatt Ziva Puerto Vallarta in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- Jinmao Hotel Lijiang The Unbound Collection by Hyatt in Lijiang, China
- Park Hyatt Beijing in Beijing
- Park Hyatt New York in New York
- Park Hyatt Tokyo in Tokyo
- Park Hyatt Zurich in Zurich, Switzerland
- Quirk Hotel Charlottesville in Charlottesville, Va.
- Residence Inn by Marriott Salt Lake City-Sandy in Sandy, Utah
- SpringHill Suites by Marriott Draper in Draper, Utah
- The Cape, a Thompson Hotel in Cabo San Lucas, Baja California Sur, Mexico



- The Confidante Miami Beach in Miami Beach, Fla.
- The Last Hotel STL in Saint Louis
- The Lodge at Kukui'ula in Koloa, Hawaii
- The Okura Tokyo in Tokyo
- Thompson Chicago in Chicago
- Thompson Nashville in Nashville, Tenn.
- Thompson Zihuatanejo in Zihuatanejo, Guerrero, Mexico
- TownePlace Suites Salt Lake City Downtown in Salt Lake City, Utah
- Villa Kennedy, a Rocco Forte Hotel in Frankfurt, Germany

Industrial Facility/Commercial Office

- ARTIC in Anaheim, Calif.
- Golden 1 Center in Sacramento, Calif.

Museum/Cultural Venue

- Sacramento Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento, Calif.

Theatres/Performing Arts Centers

- SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center in Sacramento, Calif.
- The VETS in Providence, R.I.

University

- ItAll Sparta Gangnam in Seoul, South Korea.

“A good cleaning and disinfection program must include consistent training and preparation,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “GBAC STAR accredited facilities commit to educating their cleaning personnel so that the organization can prepare for, respond to, and recover from outbreaks.”

Apply for GBAC STAR facility accreditation today at gbac.org/star. See which facilities are accredited or are working towards accreditation via the [GBAC STAR Facility Directory](#).

About GBAC, a Division of ISSA

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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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