



## Kingston City Hall Stays Clean with GBAC STAR Accreditation

**ROSEMONT, Ill.—March 3, 2022—** Kingston City Hall in Kingston, Ont. and Fleet Landing in Atlantic Beach, Fla. are the latest facilities to achieve GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation from the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council](#)™ (GBAC), a Division of ISSA. From government buildings to retirement communities, GBAC STAR validates infection prevention procedures in the most critical facilities.

“Government and senior living facilities are two of the most vital places for preventing pathogen spread,” said Patricia Olinger, GBAC Executive Director. “Kingston City Hall and Fleet Landing have demonstrated their commitments to keeping essential services running during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Kingston’s City Hall is a nationally designated historic site and the administrative center of the city. Inside, it hosts the city council and nearly 40 government departments that work to meet the needs of residents and visitors and achieve the goal of becoming the most sustainable city in Canada.

“Our city hall welcomes thousands of city residents, business representatives, and visitors each year,” said Pierre Bartkowiak, Facilities Supervisor, City of Kingston. “Achieving this accreditation helps us maintain a clean facility to protect both our government workers and citizens and keep essential functions running.”

Founded in 1985, Fleet Landing is a non-profit continuing care retirement community located in the Jacksonville, Fla. area. The community offers independent and supported living options, various health services, multiple dining choices, and wellness-based amenities including a spa, pools, fitness studios, and tennis courts.

“At Fleet Landing, we are focused on continually improving our campus, programs, and amenities for our residents,” said Joshua Ashby, CEO, Fleet Landing. “GBAC STAR was a natural fit for us to achieve third-party verification of our infectious disease prevention efforts and continue providing the best in health and wellness-focused living.”

Learn more and apply for GBAC STAR Accreditation at [gbac.org/star](https://gbac.org/star).

Find accredited facilities and those pursuing accreditation via the GBAC STAR Facility Directory at [gbac.org/directory](https://gbac.org/directory).

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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](http://www.gbac.org).

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