



## 75 Facilities Around the Globe Achieve GBAC STAR™ Accreditation

**NORTHBROOK, Ill.—Oct. 16, 2020**—The Global Biorisk Advisory Council® (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, today announced the latest list of 75 facilities that have achieved GBAC STAR™ accreditation. Tucson Airport Authority in Tucson, Ariz., UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena in Milwaukee, Wisc., the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Ky., Hyatt properties around the world, and many more join a growing list of accredited facilities.

“Facilities that achieve GBAC STAR have proven that their approach to cleaning, disinfection and infection prevention will protect building visitors, residents, and employees,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “And because accreditation is renewed annually, these organizations demonstrate they are committed to continually improving their programs.”

GBAC STAR accreditation means that a facility knows how to prepare, respond, and recover from infectious disease outbreaks and biohazard situations. The program, which is designed for facilities of all types and sizes, outlines 20 program elements that each have specific performance and guidance criteria for facilities to meet to earn accreditation. The [GBAC STAR Facility Directory](#) includes a list of all facilities that are GBAC STAR accredited and those that have committed to achieve accreditation.

The following facilities have earned GBAC STAR accreditation this week:

### Airport

- Tucson Airport Authority in Tucson, Ariz.

### Arenas/Stadiums

- Calgary Stampede in Alberta, Calgary
- UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena in Milwaukee, Wisc.

### Convention Centers

- Bojangles Entertainment Complex in Charlotte, N.C.
- Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky.
- Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Ky.
- Safe Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento, Calif.
- Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisc.

### Distribution Facilities

- Hill & Markes in Amsterdam, N.Y.
- U.S. Electrical Services, Inc., Region 4 and 7, headquartered in Middletown, Conn.



## Hotels

- Andaz Costa Rica Resort at Peninsula Papagayo in Guanacaste Province, Costa Rica
- Best Western PLUS Pavilions Hotel in Anaheim, Calif.
- Diamonds Thudufushi Maldives in South Ari Atoll, Maldives
- Gild Hall, a Thompson Hotel in New York
- Gleneagles Hotel, a Leading Hotels of the World member property, in Perthshire, Scotland
- Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Atlanta
- Grand Hyatt Bali in Bali, Indonesia
- Grand Hyatt Denver in Denver
- Grand Hyatt Doha Hotel & Villas in Doha, Qatar
- Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok in Bangkok, Thailand
- Grand Hyatt Rio de Janeiro in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Grand Hyatt San Antonio in San Antonio, Texas
- Grand Hyatt Shenzhen in Shenzhen, China
- Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C.
- Hotel Edison in New York
- Hotel Okura Amsterdam, a Leading Hotels of the World member property, in Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Hyatt at Olive 8 in Seattle
- Hyatt Centric Downtown Minneapolis in Minneapolis
- Hyatt Centric Old Town Alexandria in Alexandria, Va.
- Hyatt House Chicago/West Loop-Fulton Market in Chicago
- Hyatt House Cypress/Anaheim in Cypress, Calif.
- Hyatt Place Asheville/Downtown in Asheville, N.C.
- Hyatt Place Atlanta Perimeter Center in Atlanta
- Hyatt Place Austin Downtown in Austin, Texas
- Hyatt Place Chantilly/Dulles Airport-South in Chantilly, Va.
- Hyatt Place Charlottesville in Charlottesville, Va.
- Hyatt Place Flushing/LaGuardia Airport in Flushing, N.Y.
- Hyatt Place Fort Worth/Cityview in Fort Worth, Texas
- Hyatt Place Las Vegas at Silverton Village in Las Vegas
- Hyatt Place Melbourne in Melbourne, Australia
- Hyatt Place Orlando/Lake Buena Vista in Orlando, Fla.
- Hyatt Place Tempe/Phoenix Airport in Tempe, Ariz.
- Hyatt Regency Addis Ababa in Addis Adaba, Ethiopia
- Hyatt Regency Al Kout Mall in Ahmadi, Kuwait
- Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Spa And Casino in Palm Beach, Aruba
- Hyatt Regency Bellevue On Seattle's Eastside in Bellevue, Wash.
- Hyatt Regency Bethesda in Bethesda, Md.
- Hyatt Regency Chicago in Chicago
- Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center in Denver
- Hyatt Regency Hua Hin in Prachuap Khiri Khan, Thailand
- Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort And Spa in Lost Pines, Texas
- Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa in Lahaina, Hawaii



- Hyatt Regency Mexico City in Mexico City, Mexico
- Hyatt Regency Milwaukee in Milwaukee, Wisc.
- Hyatt Regency Minneapolis in Minneapolis
- Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport in Burlingame, Calif.
- Hyatt Regency Seattle in Seattle
- Hyatt Regency Toronto in Toronto, Ontario
- Hyatt Regency Valencia in Santa Clarita, Calif.
- Palacio Duhau - Park Hyatt Buenos Aires in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Park Hyatt Dubai in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Resort at Squaw Creek in Olympic Valley, Calif.
- Suncadia Resort in Cle Elum, Wash.
- The Marker Hotel, a Leading Hotels of the World member property, in Dublin, Ireland
- Waterfront Hotel in Oakland, Calif.
- Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Palms, S.C.

#### Restaurant

- Pizza Inn in Hobbs, N.M.

#### Retail Locations

- Golf Grips Depot in Port Richey, Fla.
- The Avenue East Cobb in Marietta, Ga.
- The Avenue Peachtree City in Peachtree City, Ga.
- The Avenue West Cobb in Marietta, Ga.

#### Theatre

- Miller High Life Theatre in Milwaukee, Wisc.

#### Worship Facilities

- East Valley JCC in Chandler, Ariz.
- Passion City Church in Atlanta.

“We’ve seen tremendous interest in GBAC STAR from facilities around the world,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “By helping organizations understand how to document and execute their cleaning procedures, we’re paving the way for a healthier and safer world.”

To apply for GBAC STAR facility accreditation or for more information, visit [gbac.org/star](http://gbac.org/star).

To learn which facilities have earned or plan to earn accreditation, view the [GBAC STAR facility 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](http://www.gbac.org).

### **About ISSA**

With more than 9,300 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 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](http://www.issa.com), call 800-225-4772 (North America) or 847-982-0800, or contact ISSA Vice President of Marketing Jonathan Adkins at [jonathan@issa.com](mailto:jonathan@issa.com) or by phone at 847-982-0800 ext. 1338.

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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 and remember to use the promo codes when registering as they provide discounts.**

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. By using the special promo code “**MediaEdgeCourse**” registrants can receive a discount off normal prices.

For additional program details and information, please email [chuckn@mediaedge.ca](mailto:chuckn@mediaedge.ca) or contact him at (416) 803-4653.