



GBAC STAR™ Welcomes First Accredited K-12 School, Athletic Club & Healthcare Facilities

NORTHBROOK, Ill. — (Dec. 10, 2020) More than 140 facilities are closing 2020 with an impressive new accreditation. Sonoma Country Day School in Santa Rosa, Calif. and athletic club F45 Training the Grove at Wesley Chapel in Wesley Chapel, Fla., are among the first of their kind to achieve GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation from the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council™](#) (GBAC), a Division of ISSA. Two healthcare facilities; Vivint Arena in Salt Lake City, home to the NBA's Utah Jazz; three convention centers; and more than 100 hotels worldwide have also recently completed the GBAC STAR accreditation process, the cleaning industry's only outbreak prevention, response, and recovery accreditation for facilities.

“This year has presented many challenges for organizations as they try to navigate a global pandemic,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “The demand for GBAC STAR accreditation continues to increase as facilities seek guidance and a formalized approach to cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention in order to uphold health and safety.”

GBAC STAR accredited facilities follow the proper protocols for cleaning and disinfection, implement thorough training for chemicals, equipment, and procedures, and have knowledge of how germs live on high-touch surfaces. Launched in May 2020, the program has attracted commitments from more than 3,500 facilities in 81 countries this year, with more than 700 already accredited. Consumers can easily locate accredited facilities around the world via the [GBAC STAR Facility Directory](#).

The latest facilities to achieve GBAC STAR accreditation are:

Arenas

- Historic Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, N.J.
- Vivint Arena in Salt Lake City, home to the NBA's Utah Jazz

Athletic Clubs

- F45 Training the Grove at Wesley Chapel in Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Convention Centers

- Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City, N.J.
- Boise Centre in Boise, Idaho
- Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, Calif.

Healthcare Facilities

- Orthopedic Learning Center in Rosemont, Ill.
- Red White Blue CPR LLC in Zephyrhills, Fla.

Hotels

- Alila Jabal Akhdar in Madinat Sultan Qaboos, Oman
- Alila Manggis Hotel in Bali, Indonesia
- Andaz 5th Avenue in New York

- Andaz Dubai The Palm in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Andaz Munich in Munich, Germany
- Andaz Napa in Napa, Calif.
- Andaz Savannah in Savannah, Ga.
- Andaz Xintiandi Shanghai in Shanghai
- BEI Zhaolong Hotel, A Joie de Vivre Hotel in Beijing
- Carmel Valley Ranch in Carmel, Calif.
- Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel & Residences Emirates Pearl in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- Grand Hyatt Berlin in Berlin
- Grand Hyatt Bogota in Bogota, Colombia
- Grand Hyatt Fukuoka in Hakata-ku, Fukuoka, Japan
- Grand Hyatt Guangzhou in Guangzhou, China
- Grand Hyatt Kochi-A Unit of Lulu Convention and Exhibition in Kochi, India
- Grand Hyatt Playa del Carmen Resort in Playa Del Carmen Quintana Roo, Mexico
- Grand Hyatt Sanya Haitang Bay Resort & Spa in Sanya, China
- Grand Hyatt Seoul in Seoul, South Korea
- Grand Hyatt Shanghai in Shanghai
- Grand Hyatt Taipei in Taipei, Taiwan
- Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay in Tampa, Fla.
- Grand Hyatt Tokyo in Tokyo
- Holston House in Nashville, Tenn.
- Hotel 50 Bowery in New York
- Hotel Avante in Mountain View, Calif.
- Hotel Bristol Palace in Genova, Italy
- Hyatt Ahmedabad in Ahmedabad, India
- Hyatt Centric Brickell in Miami
- Hyatt Centric Ginza Tokyo in Tokyo
- Hyatt Centric The Woodlands in The Woodlands, Texas
- Hyatt Hotel Canberra-Park Hyatt Canberra in Australian Capital Territory, Australia
- Hyatt House Colorado Springs in Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Hyatt House Emeryville/San Francisco Bay Area in Emeryville, Calif.
- Hyatt House Irvine, Wayne Airport in Irvine, Calif.
- Hyatt House Jeddah Sari Street in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- Hyatt House Los Angeles/LAX/Manhattan Beach in El Segundo, Calif.
- Hyatt House Portland Downtown in Portland, Ore.
- Hyatt House Raleigh/RDU/Brier Creek in Raleigh, N.C.
- Hyatt House Santa Clara in Santa Clara, Calif.
- Hyatt House Seattle/Redmond in Redmond, Wash.
- Hyatt House Shenzhen Airport in Shenzhen, China
- Hyatt Incheon in Incheon, South Korea
- Hyatt Place Austin Arboretum in Austin, Texas
- Hyatt Place Bangkok Sukhumvit in Bangkok
- Hyatt Place Boulder Pearl Street in Boulder, Colo.
- Hyatt Place Cedar Park in Cedar Park, Texas
- Hyatt Place Chesapeake in Chesapeake, Va.
- Hyatt Place Chicago Midway in Bedford Park, Ill.
- Hyatt Place Chicago South/Univ. Medical Center in Chicago

- Hyatt Place Chongli in Zhangjiakou City, Hebei Province, China
- Hyatt Place Columbus-North in Columbus, Ga.
- Hyatt Place Dallas/Rockwall in Rockwall, Texas
- Hyatt Place Detroit Royal Oak in Royal Oak, Mich.
- Hyatt Place Dublin/Pleasanton in Dublin, Calif.
- Hyatt Place Fort Lauderdale Cruise Port in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- Hyatt Place Fort Lee/George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee, N.J.
- Hyatt Place Fremont/Silicon Valley in Fremont, Calif.
- Hyatt Place Grand Rapids South in Wyoming, Mich.
- Hyatt Place Kansas City Airport in Kansas City, Mo.
- Hyatt Place Lenexa City Center in Lenexa, Kan.
- Hyatt Place Long Island/East End in Riverhead, N.Y.
- Hyatt Place Milwaukee Airport in Milwaukee
- Hyatt Place Ocean City MD, Oceanfront in Ocean City, Md.
- Hyatt Place Panama City/Downtown in Panama City, Panama
- Hyatt Place Portland Old Port in Portland, Maine
- Hyatt Place Reno-Tahoe Airport in Reno, Nev.
- Hyatt Place Salt Lake City/Lehi in Lehi, Utah
- Hyatt Place Saratoga/Malta in Malta, N.Y.
- Hyatt Place Shenzhen Airport in Shenzhen, China
- Hyatt Place Shenzhen Dongmen in Shenzhen, China
- Hyatt Place South Bend/Mishawaka in Mishawaka, Ind.
- Hyatt Place Washington DC/Georgetown/West End in Washington, DC
- Hyatt Place Washington DC/US Capitol in Washington, DC
- Hyatt Place West Des Moines/Jordan Creek in West Des Moines, Iowa
- Hyatt Place Zhuhai Jinshi in Zhuhai, China
- Hyatt Pune, Kalyani Nagar in Pune, India
- Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor in Boston
- Hyatt Regency Chandigarh in Chandigarh, India
- Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach in Clearwater Beach, Fla.
- Hyatt Regency Cleveland at the Arcade in Cleveland
- Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs, Fla.
- Hyatt Regency Columbus in Columbus, Ohio
- Hyatt Regency Coral Gables in Coral Gables, Fla.
- Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro in Dar es Salaam Ilala, Tanzania
- Hyatt Regency Frisco-Dallas in Frisco, Texas
- Hyatt Regency Guiyang in Guiyang, China
- Hyatt Regency Hakone Resort and Spa in Ashigarashimogun, Kanagawa, Japan
- Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin in Hong Kong
- Hyatt Regency John Wayne Airport in Newport Beach, Calif.
- Hyatt Regency Kathmandu in Kathmandu, Nepal
- Hyatt Regency Kyoto in Kyoto, Japan
- Hyatt Regency Long Beach in Long Beach, Calif.
- Hyatt Regency Merida in Merida Yucatan, Mexico
- Hyatt Regency Mumbai in Mumbai, India
- Hyatt Regency Orlando in Orlando, Fla.
- Hyatt Regency Paris Etoile in Paris



- Hyatt Regency Savannah in Savannah, Ga.
- Hyatt Regency Shanghai Global Harbor in Shanghai
- Hyatt Regency Sofia in Sofia, Bulgaria
- Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch in Saint Louis, Mo.
- Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa in Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M.
- Hyatt Regency Thrissur in Thrissur, India
- Hyatt Regency Vancouver in Vancouver, B.C.
- Hyatt Regency Yogyakarta in Sleman, Indonesia
- Hyatt Regency Zhuzhou in Zhuzhou, China
- Keola Lai in Honolulu
- Lahan Select Gyeong-Ju in Lahan Select Gyeong-Ju, South Korea
- Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point, Calif.
- Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel and Villas in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort & Spa in Avon, Colo.
- Park Hyatt Busan in Busan, South Korea
- Park Hyatt Changbaishan in Changbiashan, China
- Park Hyatt Chennai in Chennai, India
- Park Hyatt Hangzhou in Hangzhou, China
- Park Hyatt Istanbul in Istanbul
- Park Hyatt Kyoto in Kyoto, Japan
- Park Hyatt Melbourne in Melbourne, Australia
- Park Hyatt Mendoza, Casino and Spa in Mendoza, Argentina
- Park Hyatt Milan in Milan Italy
- Park Hyatt Ningbo Resort and Spa in Ningbo, China
- Park Hyatt Shanghai in Shanghai
- Park Hyatt Shenzhen in Shenzhen, China
- Park Hyatt St. Kitts Christophe Harbour in St. Kitts & Nevis
- Park Hyatt Suzhou in Suzhou, China
- Puunoa Beach Estates in Lahaina, Hawaii
- Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill, N.C.
- Royal Palms Resort and Spa in Phoenix
- Silversands Grenada in St George, Grenada
- The Beekman, A Thompson Hotel in New York
- The Bellevue Hotel in Philadelphia
- The Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill, N.C.
- The Laurel Inn in San Francisco
- The Lodge at Spruce Peak Stowe, Vt.
- Ventana Big Sur in Big Sur, Calif.

K-12 School

- Sonoma Country Day School in Santa Rosa, Calif.

“GBAC STAR accreditation validates that facilities have the right cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention strategies in place to combat today’s and tomorrow’s disease risks,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “We are excited to accredit the first K-12 school, athletic club and healthcare facilities, and look forward to seeing many other types of facilities pursue and achieve GBAC STAR accreditation in 2021.”



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](#).

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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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