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## **Hawai'i Convention Center Earns GBAC STAR™ Accreditation for Cleaning Protocols**

*The Center meets "gold standard" requirements for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention*

**Honolulu, August 10, 2021** – The Hawai'i Convention Center is the first meetings venue in Hawaii to earn the Global Biorisk Advisory Council® (GBAC) STAR™ Facility [Accreditation](#), after meeting rigorous standards for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention.

The GBAC STAR Accreditation Program is performance-based and designed to help facilities establish a comprehensive system of proper cleaning protocols, disinfection techniques and work practices to combat biohazards and infectious disease like the novel coronavirus. The Center joins a select group of meetings and events facilities that are accredited by GBAC, which is a division of ISSA, the world's leading cleaning industry association. To achieve accreditation, the Center was required to demonstrate compliance with the program's 20 core elements, which range from standard operating procedures and risk assessment strategies to personal protective equipment and emergency preparedness and response measures. There is an annual reaccreditation process.



"The Hawai'i Convention Center is using industry-leading health and safety protocols to give our guests, staff and communities greater peace of mind," said Teri Orton, general manager of the Hawai'i Convention Center, managed by ASM Global. "The health and safety of our guests and employees are the Center's top priority."

The Center has developed and implemented [health and safety measures](#) led by ASM Global's comprehensive Venue Shield program. This includes:

- Enhanced cleaning and sanitation and the use of electrostatic sprayers;
- The installation of thermal cameras and touchless temperature checks;
- The use of personal protective equipment (PPE);
- Modified food and beverage operations, including fresh, individually packaged meals and snacks;
- Increased availability of hand-sanitizer dispensers;
- Contactless transactions, special signage and social-distancing guidelines.

"GBAC STAR accreditation empowers facility owners and managers to assure workers, customers and key stakeholders that they have proven systems in place to maintain clean and healthy environments," said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger.

Visit [HawaiiConvention.com](https://www.hawaii.convention.com) for updates and additional information about booking a meeting or event. The Center's [interactive virtual map](#) offers a complete 3D tour of rooms and facilities.

### **About the Hawai'i Convention Center**

"Where Business and Aloha Meet," the 1.1 million-square-foot Hawai'i Convention Center provides a spacious, modern and flexible meeting space in the heart of Honolulu – all with an award-winning team and renowned aloha spirit. Conveniently located between East and West, the Center is a

global leader for a diverse array of meetings and events, just steps from 30,000 hotel rooms in iconic Waikiki. The Center is a state-owned facility opened in 1998, and is managed by ASM Global. For more, visit [HawaiiConvention.com](http://HawaiiConvention.com).

**About ASM Global**

ASM Global was formed from the merger of AEG Facilities and SMG in October 2019, creating a venue management powerhouse that spans five continents, 14 countries and more than 300 of the world's most prestigious arenas, stadiums, convention and exhibit centers, and performing arts venues. To learn more about ASM Global and the exciting new ways we can serve you, visit [ASMGlobal.com](http://ASMGlobal.com).

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