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### **MONTEREY CONFERENCE CENTER EARNS (GLOBAL BIORISK ADVISORY COUNCIL) GBAC STAR™ FACILITY ACCREDITATION**

Monterey, CA. – Today the City of Monterey announced that the Monterey Conference Center has earned an accreditation as a Global Biorisk Advisory Council GBAC STAR™ facility. GBAC STAR™ is the cleaning industry's only outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation for facilities.

GBAC STAR™ is the gold standard of prepared facilities and GBAC STAR™ accreditation means that a facility or facility service provider has:

- Established and maintained a cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention program to minimize risks associated with infectious agents like the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).
- The proper cleaning protocols, disinfection techniques, and work practices in place to combat biohazards and infectious disease.
- Highly informed cleaning professionals who are trained for outbreak and infectious disease preparation and response.



In addition, Monterey Conference Center Sales Coordinator Tonya Hufford just completed a certificate course as a *Pandemic Compliance Advisor for Meeting and Event Professionals* from the Health Education Services Provider.

“From the very beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, the Monterey Conference Center has been a local hospitality leader in understanding and applying social distancing measures to help us move through and reopen the beautiful new facility, and help our economy recover,” said

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Monterey Conference Center General Manager Doug Phillips. “We are proud and confident we will come back strong and are ready to do so when COVID-19 is no longer a major threat.”

“The Monterey Conference Center has been a hub of innovation for meetings and conferences for years,” said Rob O’Keefe, President and CEO of the Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau adding, “With its achievement of GBAC STAR™ accreditation, attendees that seek the unique inspiration found in Monterey now have added assurance that they can meet safely and responsibly in the future.”

The program relies on GBAC’s comprehensive training, which teaches the proper protocols, correct disinfection techniques, and cleaning best practices for biohazard situations like the novel coronavirus, and requires an annual re-accreditation process.



GBAC Certificate - <https://monterey.org/Portals/0/News/GBAC-certificate.pdf>

*Pandemic Compliance Advisor Certificate -*

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*Learn more about the Monterey Conference Center at [montereyconferencecenter.com](http://montereyconferencecenter.com)*

*Learn more about Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC) and the accreditation at*

<https://gbac.issa.com/issa-gbac-star-facility-accreditation>

*Learn more about the [Pandemic Compliance Advisor Certification](#)*

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