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McCORMICK PLACE CAMPUS GBAC STAR™ FACILITY ACCREDITATION

The entire McCormick Place campus was one of the first convention centers in the country to announce it was pursuing GBAC STAR™ accreditation, the gold star for the industry. The Global Biorisk Advisory Council first accredited the facility in August 2020, and it was reaccredited again in 2021.

Designed to assist spaces in establishing a comprehensive system of cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention, the GBAC STAR™ program works with facilities to create practices, protocols, procedures, and systems to control risks associated with infectious agents, including coronaviruses, influenza, and other contagious diseases.

The GBAC STAR™ Accreditation Council determines each facility's accreditation by examining its ability to demonstrate compliance with the program's 20 elements, ranging from standard operating procedures and risk assessment strategies to personal protective equipment and emergency preparedness and response measures. Receiving this accreditation means that McCormick Place has:

- Established and maintained a cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention program to minimize risks associated with infectious agents such as SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19
- The proper cleaning protocols, disinfection techniques, and work practices in place to combat biohazards and infectious disease
- Highly skilled cleaning professionals who are trained for an outbreak and infectious disease preparation and response

For more information on the GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation program, please see more on the Global Biorisk Advisory Council website [here](#).

McCormick Place Event Management prepared a list of [Enhanced Facility Cleaning Procedures](#) related to our VenueShield™ Cleaning Program and GBAC STAR™ accreditation.