



# **GBAC STAR™** Facility Accreditation Program

# **Official Statements**

## Patricia Olinger, Executive Director, Global Biorisk Advisory Council

"GBAC STAR is the gold standard of safe facilities, providing third-party validation that ensures facilities implement strict protocols for biorisk situations."

"Accreditation empowers facility owners and managers to assure workers, customers, and key stakeholders that they have proven systems in place to deliver clean and healthy environments that are safe for business."

### John Barrett, Executive Director, ISSA

"In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the GBAC STAR accreditation program is exactly what facilities need to confidently reopen and keep staff, customers, and communities safe."

"The way the world views cleaning has changed overnight. To effectively recover from this crisis and prepare for the next, it's essential that businesses take these necessary steps — and we're thrilled to have a stable of top organizations that have already committed to the program."

### Tom Garfinkel, Vice Chairman and CEO, Miami Dolphins and Hard Rock Stadium

"When our fans, players and staff are able to return to Hard Rock Stadium, we want them to have peace of mind that we're doing everything we can to create the safest and healthiest environment possible."

"We didn't want to create our own standard, we wanted to be accountable to the most credible third-party standard that exists. Working with GBAC ensures compliance with critical guidelines for the highest standard of cleanliness and it is our hope that other venues will follow suit as we navigate through these unprecedented times."

### Craig Davis, President and CEO of VisitDallas

"When our residents, visitors and meeting and convention attendees are able to return and enjoy our great city, we want them to have peace of mind that Dallas is doing everything we can to create the safest and healthiest environment possible."

#### Greg White, Chair, Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District (DTPID)

"We know DTPID hotels are initiating their own individual and brand-led sanitary programs. This third-party accreditation program is designed to provide an additional layer of protection and trust to ensure that hotels and other key City of Dallas facilities are in a safe, sanitary and healthy condition for visitors and residents."

#### Frank Poe, Executive Director, Georgia World Congress Center Authority

"Since the onset of this pandemic we have been committed to ensuring our facilities are safe for the return of our customers, show attendees, and team members. Working with GBAC to achieve GBAC STAR accreditation will ensure the highest cleaning and disinfection standards are being implemented at the Georgia World Congress Center and Savannah Convention Center. We would expect nothing less of ourselves and for our facilities."