

## Event Services

# Virus and Infection Control | GBAC

The Washington State Convention Center (WSCC) considers the health and safety of its clients, guests, visitors and staff a top priority.

Our virus and infection control protocols, in addition to many other WSCC operational protocols, adhere to the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC) outbreak prevention, response and recovery fundamentals. WSCC achieved GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation in March 2021.

WSCC follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) recommendations, and we align with the Seattle Office of Emergency Management as well as county and state health departments.

## Preventive Measures

For guests and visitors:

- More than 100 hand sanitizing stations are strategically located throughout the venue. These units are re-supplied overnight and throughout the day, if needed.
- Cleaning products utilized consist of those on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved list for use against infectious agents.
- Frequent cleaning and disinfecting routines, with an emphasis on restrooms and high touch areas, are followed during event hours. Deep cleaning and disinfecting occur between event days and events.
- Electrostatic disinfectant sprayers are used to disinfect larger spaces efficiently.
- Venue staff will disinfect meeting rooms and office spaces to GBAC standards once each day, at minimum.

For our staff:

- CDC health and safety reminder signage posted back-of-house.
- Notification of hygiene standards and personal protective equipment (PPE) expectations.
- Instructions to stay home if sick.
- Regular review of safety and hygiene information.
- Adherence to CDC and local health requirements for emergent and ongoing circumstances.
- Annual training for cleaning and maintenance staff on blood-borne pathogen (BBP) and Aerosol Transmissible Disease/Pathogen (ATD/ATP).
- Free annual flu shots.

## On-site Response Protocol

WSCC has four permanent first aid stations, staffed by teams of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) through our exclusive provider, AMR. Locations and hours are dependent on specific event activity. If an emergent viral situation occurs, AMR will increase their supply of medical masks at the first aid stations for attendees or staff who have concerns. AMR maintains close connections with first responders and health department requirements.

Guests experiencing symptoms should put on a face covering and notify the closest available WSCC staff member. WSCC staff will activate the Exposure Control Protocol which ensures a prompt response to the potentially infected guest by AMR or WSCC Security.

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## Public Messaging

WSCC refers clients in search of public messaging to the following resources:

- Washington State Dept. of Labor & Industries: <https://www.lni.wa.gov/>
- Washington State Dept of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies>
- King County Public Health: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/communicable-diseases.aspx>
- CDC's Guidance for Organizing Large Events and Gatherings: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

For further information or to address specific concerns, please contact your Event Manager directly. We can prepare a response plan in advance of your event.