

# MONONA TERRACE COMMUNITY AND CONVENTION CENTER

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## **Monona Terrace COVID-19 Measures**

The health and safety of guests and employees is our top priority. We have taken important steps to reduce the spread of the COVID-19. Monona Terrace actively follows the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for Business and Employers recommendations, and consults with Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC). Currently PHMDC is not requiring any COVID-19 related restrictions for events. Event organizers, however, are able to implement health and safety requirements for their event attendees.

Monona Terrace has established the following policies and procedures to ensure as safe an environment as possible for our guests and staff. We will continue to update our procedures based on PHMDC & CDC recommendations and as new best practices for venues are determined.

## **Cleaning and Disinfecting**

Monona Terrace has achieved the Global Biorisk Advisory Council® (GBAC) STAR™ accreditation, the gold standard for prepared facilities. Under the guidance of GBAC, a Division of ISSA, the worldwide cleaning industry association, we have implemented the most stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention. Please refer to the paragraph at the end of this document for additional information.

We follow CDC cleaning and disinfecting guidelines and have enhanced all of our cleaning and disinfecting procedures. We have detailed policies and checklists in place. Here is an overview of our cleaning and disinfecting measures:

We use the following **EPA certified disinfectants**:

- Microban 24 hour disinfectant
- Halt cleaner and disinfectant
- Monk Disinfectant Wipes

We also use the Clorox Total 360 Electro Static Sprayer when needed for additional cleaning and disinfecting.

Custodial staff are required to clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces multiple times daily in the following locations:

<u>Public areas (lobby and hallway)</u>: Door handles and push plates, handrails for stairs, ramps and escalators, elevator buttons-inside and out, countertops and trash receptacle touch points.

<u>Meeting Spaces</u>: Frequently touched surfaces are cleaned regularly including door handles and push plates. Audiovisual equipment is disinfected after every event.

<u>Restroom cleaning</u>: All restrooms are disinfected frequently. Surfaces cleaned include door handles and push plates, sink faucets, counters, toilet handles, lids of containers for disposal of women's sanitary products, baby changing stations, trash receptacle, and paper towel dispenser touch points. Doors will be propped open to discourage touching push plates.

<u>Staff Work Spaces</u>: Staff are responsible for cleaning their workstations. Shared workstations/equipment are cleaned before and after each use. Back of house frequently touched points are cleaned regularly.

<u>Break Rooms</u>: Staff are responsible for using disinfectant wipes to clean any surfaces touched both before and after each use. Staff must clean seating areas and shared items (faucets, microwaves, refrigerators, etc.) after each use.

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#### **Protective Measures**

We have taken the following measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to our guests and employees.

## <u>General</u>

- Touch-free hand sanitizing stations are located in high traffic areas
- Clear, protective barriers have been installed at the guest information desk, reception desk and gift shop check-out

#### Guest Movement & Signage

- Interior building entrance doors are propped open so guests do not have to touch door handles or push bars. Meeting space doors are propped open when appropriate for the event.
- A CDC Poster with safety recommendations to help prevent the spread of the virus is posted in high traffic areas.
- Monona Terrace has additional health and safety signage available that event organizers can request to have placed in their function spaces.

### Restrooms/Water Stations

- Restrooms have hands-free faucets, soap and paper towel dispensers
- "Please wash your hands" signs has been posted in all restrooms as a gentle reminder
- Touch-free water bottle fillers are located on each floor. Touch-button water fountains are also available.

#### Isolation Room

 Should a guest or employee show symptoms after arriving at Monona Terrace and they are unable to leave immediately, they will be taken to a separate room that has been designated as the Isolation Room with hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes available. Should the guest not have a face covering, one will be provided to them. An ambulance or family member will be called, based on the guest's preference.

#### **Building Systems**

All building systems have been inspected including the following areas:

- Water System all sinks, toilets and drinking fountains are flushed daily
- Fire Life Safety System are regularly tested
- Air handling system are programmed to increase flow of outside air and removal of exhausted air through occupied spaces
- Air filters exceed ASHRAE recommendations (MERV 8 pre-filters and MERV 15 final filters)

## **Employees**

Currently 94% of Monona Terrace staff and 100% of Monona Catering staff are vaccinated. The following policies and procedures have been developed to educate and train our employees about COVID-19, provide safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to communicate what is required of each employee as they return to work.

#### **Employee Education and Training Measures**

Employees have been provided with the following materials and are required to acknowledge they have read and received these materials by initialing an Employee Log maintained by their supervisor:

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- Hygiene policy
- Protective measures policy
- Cleaning policy
- List of symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if they get sick are exposed to someone who has COVID-19

#### **Employee Safety Measures**

The following safety measures for employees have been implemented:

- Employees are instructed to stay at home if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms and will follow the policies of what to do that have been provided to them
- Employees who are working in the building are:
  - Self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms before arriving at work
  - Wearing appropriate PPE (physical protection equipment) based on the work task hazard
  - Washing their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water several times throughout the day or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content when a sink is not available in the area they are working
  - Keeping 6 feet of physical distance between themselves and others unless a work task makes this impossible

## **Information on GBAC Star Accreditation**

As the cleaning industry's only outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation, GBAC STAR™ helps organizations establish protocols and procedures, offers expert-led training and assesses a facility's readiness for bio risk situations. The program verifies that facilities implement best practices to prepare for, respond to and recover from outbreaks and pandemics. To achieve GBAC STAR™ accreditation, Monona Terrace 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. Learn more about GBAC STAR accreditation at <a href="https://www.qbac.org">www.qbac.org</a>.

#### About GBAC, a Division of ISSA

Composed of international leaders in the field of microbial-pathogenic threat analysis, mitigation, response and recovery, the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, provides training, guidance, accreditation, certification, crisis management assistance and leadership to government, commercial and private entities looking to mitigate, quickly address and/or recover from biological threats and real-time crises. The organization's services include biorisk management program assessment and training, Forensic Restoration® response and remediation, the GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation program, training and certification of individuals and consulting for building owners and facility managers.

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