Ensuring Attendee Safety
COVID-19 and Updates on your GRC at Bryant University

How GRC is Supporting Your Health

GRC continues to monitor venue and state-wide practices, updating venue pages on a weekly basis. We are currently working with our venues to implement social distancing practices at our conferences in 2022 as needed.

As always, the health and safety of our communities are GRC’s highest priority, and we are working to ensure you’ll be able to join us safely and comfortably in 2022.

Bryant’s Commitment to You

- Bryant University has announced plans to fully open its campus on June 1, 2021, with all employees working on site at its 428-acre Smithfield campus.

- University President Ross Gittell, Ph.D.; Provost Glenn Sulmasy, JD, LL.M; and Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Inge-Lise Ameer reaffirmed plans for students to return to Bryant’s Smithfield campus for a fully in-person fall semester that will begin with classes on September 7, 2021 with continued health and safety measures in place.

- Custodial staff will be focused on deep cleaning activities on a regular basis in high use areas of campus. Hand sanitizing stations around campus. Masks are only required for those who are not vaccinated.

- Bryant will provide weekly testing for all students living on-campus, commuting to campus and all on-campus faculty.

- Guests are currently allowed, but must fill out health and wellness information on an app. and show app when arriving to campus.

  Click here for Bryant’s full detailed plan.

Rhode Island’s Current Regulations
(as of June 17, 2021)

- Indoor and outdoor catered events are permitted to open to 100% capacity.

- There is no longer a limit on social gatherings.

- If you are fully vaccinated you no longer need to wear a mask indoors or outdoors, except places like public transportation and congregate settings and hospitals. If you are not fully vaccinated, you still need to wear a mask and distance yourself.

  - Information on reopening Rhode Island here
ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

Logan Airport (BOS): Located 55 miles north of Smithfield

T.F Green Airport (PVD): Located 20 miles south of Smithfield

GRC Chartered Bus: You can reserve a spot on the bus through your MyGRC account and find details about the bus here and click here to see what Concord Coach is doing to protect you.

Rental Car: GRC receives discounted rates with Enterprise or National Rental Car via contract ID XZ49019

Enterprise has a Clean Car Pledge to combat the spread of COVID-19.

GRC Check-in is from 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the lobby of Residence Hall 17.

- If you arrive after the GRC Office is closed, please call 401-232-6921 for the coordinator on duty.
- GRS check-in is from 2:00pm—5:00pm on Saturday

The GRC office is located in the Unistructure, MRC 3.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND AMENITIES

Conferees stay in suites with single or double occupancy dorm rooms with twin beds.

- Air-conditioned
- Non-smoking
- 2 shared bathrooms per unit
- Shared living area
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout campus
- Linens, towels, soap and drinking cup provided

Bryant’s Commitment to Cleanliness

- Click here for Bryant’s full detailed plan.

Amenities:

- Pool
- Sand volleyball, basketball, squash, racquetball, golf putting green, cross country course
- Hiking trails
- On-site parking
- Laundry available on-site
- Mobility accessible rooms

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Dress is Casual

Bring a relaxed wardrobe and comfortable shoes. Please check the weather forecast and plan to bring a raincoat and or light jacket for outside activities.

Activities

Once you arrive on-site, you can sign up for various on-site and off-site activities.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Bryant has on-campus medical facilities and is located within 15 minutes of hospital facilities.

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Information and updates from the RI Department of Health can be found here.

MEALS

All meals are served buffet style in Salmanson Dining Room.

Vegetarian and gluten free selections are provided at all meals. Kosher meals are available at the venue with advanced notice.

SCIENCE AND POSTER SESSIONS

Science Sessions are held in Janikies Auditorium.

Poster Sessions are held in the Academic Innovation Center’s Innovation Forum.

Poster board dimensions are 4 feet x 4 feet.

DEPARTURES

Breakfast is available on Friday morning from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. Hotel check-out is at 10:00 am.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG