COVID-19 Protocols and Vaccination Requirements at the Four Points Sheraton

GRC continues to monitor venue and state-wide practices and update this page as often as possible.

GRC Current COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

To ensure the safety of venue and GRC staff, and each of our GRC communities, there are a few COVID-19 policies and procedures to keep in mind before your travels.

• Currently, GRC is requiring masks in all GRC spaces and the COVID-19 vaccination and booster for all attendees and guests before attending the meeting. Masking is not mandated by the venue in public spaces, but it is required by GRC in conference spaces.

• GRC recommends that you bring your own self-test kits to the venue to test when you arrive before joining to group to prevent any spread of COVID-19 throughout the GRC community.

• It is important to know that should you test positive while on-site:
  • You will need to abide by the CDC recommendations regarding testing and isolation.
  • Unfortunately, GRC will not be able to provide you with a refund as once you are on site, GRC has incurred those expenses.
  • You will unfortunately, be unable to stream into the meeting has GRC does not have the capacity to do so.

Additional Health and Safety Practices in Place at Four Points

• Four Points is utilizing the best practices as set forth by the CDC for cleaning and disinfection, including utilizing hospital-grade disinfectants and regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces. The hotel also utilizes enhanced cleaning technologies like electrostatic sprayers for sanitizing.

• Hand sanitizer stations are available at hotel entrances, front desks, elevators and in meeting spaces.

California’s COVID-19 Travel and Testing Information

• Please click here for information regarding Domestic travel to California and click here for information regarding International travel to California.

• California no longer has a statewide mask mandate in effect.

• Some individuals may be required to take a COVID-19 test prior to departure back to their institution. Information on local testing sites can be found below or by clicking here.
  • To find a local CVS minute clinic offering COVID-19 testing click here and enter the zip code “93001”.
  • Ventura Unified School District Education Service Center: 255 W. Stanley Ave Ventura, CA Hours of Operation: 11am-7pm, Monday-Friday
  • Kaiser Permanente: 4949 Market St. Ventura, CA Hours of Operation: 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday
  • COVID Clinic – Pacific View Mall: 3301-1 East Main St. Ventura, CA Hours of Operation: Unknown
  • Cottage Urgent Care: 4360 E. Main St. Unit 2 Ventura, CA Hours of Operation: Unknown
  • Ventura Adult and Continuing Education: 5200 Valentine Rd. Ventura, CA Hours of Operation: 9am-5pm, Thursdays only
  • Ventura Community Park: 901 S. Kimball Rd. Ventura, CA Hours of Operation: 9am-5pm, Fridays only
ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX): Located 65 miles south of Ventura.
Santa Barbara Municipal Airport (SBA): Located 40 miles north of Ventura.
Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR): Located 60 miles south of Ventura.

Rental car: Click here for GRC’s discounted rates with Enterprise or National Rental Car. Enterprise has a Clean Car Pledge to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Shuttle bus: Several airport shuttle options via the Ventura County Airporter, or Smart Shuttle. For the Smart Shuttle, use promo code GRC21. https://www.smartshuttle805.com/reservations With this service, please note that there may be up to a 2 hour wait time at the airport while awaiting other passengers. Shared shuttle pricing can only be utilized by passengers who are traveling together to/from the same location and traveling on the same flight.

Amtrak: Station located in Ventura (VEC).

GRC Check-in is from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the GRC Office located in the Commodore Room.
• Visit the front desk if you arrive outside of standard check-in hours.
• GRS check-in is from 2:00pm—6:00pm on Saturday

The GRC office is located in the Commodore Room.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL AMENITIES

Conferees stay in standard guest rooms with one or two king or queen beds.
• Air-conditioned
• Non-smoking
• Private Bathrooms
• Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel
• Coffee / tea in room, and hairdryer.

Sheraton’s Commitment to Cleanliness
• Hospital-grade disinfectants utilized in all private and public spaces.
• Hand sanitizer stations throughout the hotel.
• Enhanced cleaning technologies like electrostatic sprayers for sanitization.

Amenities:
• Pool
• Fitness center
• On-site parking
• Mobility accessible
• Tennis & basketball courts

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 activities such as whale watching, wine tasting, and hiking. Click here for a page of local activities. A representative from Ventura Visitors Bureau will be on-site to answer questions.

Health & Safety
All GRC conferees are required to wear a mask in conference spaces, and provide proof of vaccination prior to their arrival on site. Social distancing practices will also be followed to the fullest extent available. Four Points is located within 10 minutes of hospital facilities.

MEALS
All meals are served buffet style in the Clipper Room.
Vegetarian and gluten free selections are provided at all meals. Kosher meals (with two weeks advance notice) are available at the site for no additional cost.

SCIENE AND POSTER SESSIONS

GRC & GRS Science Sessions are typically held in the San Buenaventura Ballroom.
GRC & GRS Poster Sessions are held in Alexander’s Restaurant. 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 12:00 pm.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG