Ensuring Attendee Safety
COVID-19 and Updates on your GRC at Hotel Galvez

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 2021 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 2021.

Hotel Galvez’s Commitment to You

• Implemented a partnership with Ecolab, which provides EPA-approved hospital grade disinfectants in all hotel guest rooms and public spaces
• Currently at 50% room capacity
• Social distancing practices are in place, and the hotel will provide masks to all employees and guests
• Hand sanitizer stations will be available for use throughout public spaces
• Click here for Hotel Galvez’s Cleanliness Plan.
• Swimming pool and hot tub will be closed for upgrades beginning February 14, 2021.

Texas’s Current Regulations
(as of March 11, 2021)

• Currently in Phase 3 of the reopening plan — Texas is planning to continue reopening plans while they face a spike in positive COVID-19 test results.
• Expanding occupancy levels to 75% for restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, museums, and libraries.
• Galveston’s numbers are increasing quickly.
• Gov. extends State Disaster Declaration on August 8th.
  - Texas Reopening Plans
• Texas’ Gov. has ended the state-wide mask mandate.
  - Information and updates from the Texas Department of Health can be found here.
ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH): Located 70 miles north of Galveston
William P. Hobby Airport (HOU): Located 45 miles north of Galveston

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 – 8:00 pm in the hotel lobby.
- 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 Room 227.

For extended reservations at the Hotel Galvez, please fill out the reservation form on page 3 of this packet and return it by e-mail to the hotel.

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, hairdryer and in-room safe

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- Hospital-grade disinfectants utilized in all private and public spaces
- Hand sanitizer stations throughout the hotel

Amenities:
- Pool
- Fitness center
- On-site parking
- Business Center
- Laundry 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 activities such as NASA Johnson Space Center tours, Hotel Ghost Tours, and local shopping.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Hotel Galvez is located within 7 minutes of hospital facilities.

COVID-19 Safety Recommendations
Texas’ Gov. has put a mandatory mask law in place.
Information and updates from the TX Department of Health can be found here.

MEALS
All meals are served buffet style in the Veranda Room. Vegetarian and gluten-free selections are provided at all meals. Kosher meals (with two weeks advance notice) are available at the site for an additional cost.

SCIENCE AND POSTER SESSIONS

Science Sessions are held in the Music Hall.
Poster Sessions are held in the Terrace Ballroom. 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 11:00 am.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG