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 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.

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 June 17, 2021)

- Texas is open to 100% capacity.
- 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.  

**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  
  
Eighteen Seventy Strand Corporation’s Commitment to Cleanliness  
- Hospital-grade disinfecnts 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 is now fully open and the mask mandate has been lifted.  

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.