COVID-19 Protocols and Vaccination Requirements at Renaissance Tuscany Il Ciocco

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 through out 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.

While the policies listed here reflect those of the venue, GRC attendees are expected to follow guidelines as outlined by GRC above. GRC policies regarding masking and vaccination status will supersede those put in place by the venue when utilizing GRC event spaces.

Additional Health and Safety Practices in Place at Renaissance Tuscany

• The Renaissance Tuscany has implemented several new cleaning practices including, utilizing hospital-grade disinfectants in guest rooms and public spaces, and using enhanced technologies like electrostatic sprayers to sanitize surfaces throughout the hotel.
• The Renaissance Tuscany will be providing hand sanitizer stations hotel entrances, front desks, elevators and in meeting spaces.

Italy’s COVID-19 Information

• All those traveling to Italy, regardless of country of origin, need to complete the EU Digital Passport Locator Form (PLFs).
  • PLFs are used by public health authorities to facilitate contact tracing incase travelers are exposed to COVID-19 during their travel. Information provided by travelers can be used to contact travelers quickly to prevent further spread.
  • The form can be completed here—EU Digital Passport Locator Form.
  • Use the link here for the most up to date information regarding what is required to enter Italy.

• It is recommended that you carry proof of vaccination with you.
• COVID-19 PCR Testing will be available on-site.
  • Appointments will be available Thursdays during afternoon free time and on Friday mornings.
  • Please check-in with the hotel staff when you arrive at the conference venue to ensure an appointment.
  • Each PCR test will cost 15 Euros and will need to be paid directly to the pharmacist on site. PCR tests cannot be paid on your hotel room account, or through your MyGRC account. Coordination of testing appointments and payment for services rendered are handled directly with the local pharmacy who is administering.
  • Those traveling to and from the U.S will need to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test or Documentation of Recovery is required. For more information on this policy and how it impacts your travel, click here.
• For more COVID-19 and travel information - U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Italy (usembassy.gov).
• If you test positive while on-site, you will be required to isolate in place for a period of up to 10 days. Information on Italy’s current quarantine and isolation practices can be found here.
ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

Pisa Airport G. Galilei (PSA): Located 44 miles south of hotel
Florence Amerigo Vespucci Airport (FLR): Located 65 miles south of hotel
GRC Chartered Bus: You can reserve a spot on the bus through your MyGRC account and find details about the bus [here](#).

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.

Taxi: Reservations can be made by contacting reception@renuissancetuscany.com
Train: Barga-Gallicano station is approximately three miles from the hotel. Visit [www.Trenitalia.com](#) to make reservations.

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—5:00pm on Saturday

The GRC office is located in the Congressi building in the L’Usignolo Suite.

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 afternoon activities. Cooking and fitness classes are available on property. Wine tastings, La Grotta del Vento tour and a trip to the walled city of Lucca are just a sampling of the off-site activities. Proof of vaccination is required for all activities.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Renaissance Tuscany is located within 15 minutes of hospital facilities.

COVID-19 Safety Recommendations
Cloth face coverings are required by law in public spaces, and highly recommended by health officials.

Information and updates from the Italian government can be found [here](#).

MEALS

All meals are served buffet style in La Veranda Restaurant. Vegetarian and gluten free selections are provided at all meals.

SCIENCE AND POSTER SESSIONS

GRC Science Sessions and Poster Sessions are held in the Congressi building in Salon Pascoli.

GRS Science Sessions and Poster Sessions are held in L’Ora di Barga.
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.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL AMENITIES

Conferences stay in standard guest rooms with either a king or two twin beds.
- Air-conditioned
- Non-smoking
- Private Bathrooms
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel
- Coffee / tea in room, hairdryer and in-room safe
- Poster printing available – contact info@fotopastrengo.it for information

Il Ciocco’s Commitment to You
- 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
- Business Center
- Spa
- Mobility accessible

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG