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

- **Proof of vaccination** is required of all GRC chairs, conferees, speakers, discussion leaders, and guests.
- **Masks are required** in all conference spaces, except when eating or drinking. At this venue, invited speakers must continue to wear a mask while speaking. GRC will provide masks to attendees and guests upon check-in.
- **Poster sessions** will be spaced out as much as possible to accommodate social distancing. There will be rotating viewing times for posters based on the number of participants and the number of posters presented.
- **Dining options** will be available to accommodate social distancing. Options include eating outside with heaters or take away options to allow attendees to take to their hotel room (cannot be taken around the hotel).

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 rooms.

**Italy’s COVID-19 Information**

- There are currently no travel restrictions to enter Italy.
- Use the link here for the most up to date information regarding what is required to enter Italy.

**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.
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@renaissancetuscany.com

**Train:** Barga-Gallicano station is approximately three miles from the hotel. Visit [www.Trenitalia.com](http://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.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL AMENITIES

Conferees stay in standard guest rooms with one 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 sanitation

Amenities:
- Pool
- Fitness center
- On-site parking
- Business Center
- Spa
- Mobility accessible

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**
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.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG