COVID-19 Protocols and Vaccination Requirements at Renaissance Tuscany Il 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

- 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.
- **GreenPass is required for all activities.**
  - Italy’s GreenPass, or certificazione verde, is a digital or paper certificate showing that the holder has been vaccinated, tested negative or recovered from COVID-19. It is required to dine indoors at restaurants, enter museums, theatres, cinemas, gyms, swimming pools, spas, amusement parks, fairs, festivals and sports stadiums.
  - To receive the GreenPass, you must provide at least one of the following: vaccination certification, proof that you have recovered from covid-19, or a recent test with negative results. You can register here.
  - It is easiest to choose your desired display language if you use Chrome or Microsoft Edge as your browser.
  - All attendees and guests will need the Super Green Pass (sGP) which is issued after vaccination or recovery from COVID-19. The sGP is required for public transport, hotel stays, restaurants/bars, sports activity in gyms, swimming pools, conferences and congresses and spas.
  - US Attendees will not be able to get their Green Pass before entering Europe. Once you are in Europe you are able to get your Green Pass by simply getting a rapid COVID-19 test in Europe.
- **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.
- **Italy has extended its state of emergency until at least March 31st and masks are required by law to be worn in and outdoors.** For more COVID-19 and travel information - [U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Italy (usembassy.gov)](https://usembassy.gov).
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@renaiassancetuscany.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.

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 sanitization

Amenities:
• Pool  • Business Center
• Fitness center   • Spa
• On-site parking  • 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
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.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG