

# **COVID-19 Protocols and Vaccination Requirements at Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center**

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 Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center**

- Southbridge is maintaining a daily sanitizing schedule of all of their meeting spaces to ensure a safe experience.
- Southbridge staff are undergoing daily health checks before being allowed to report for work.
- For more of Southbridge's commitment to you, [click here](#).

## **Massachusetts' Current Regulations and Information**

- [Click here](#) for more information about Massachusetts current guidelines.
- Massachusetts has currently lifted COVID-19 restrictions and all fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks while indoors.
- Information and updates from the Massachusetts Department of Health can be [found here](#).

# GRC at Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center

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<https://www.southbridgehotel.com/>



## ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

**Logan Airport (BOS):** Located 65 miles northeast of Southbridge

**T.F. Green (PVD):** Located 48 miles southeast of Southbridge

**GRC Chartered Bus:** You can reserve a spot on the bus through your MyGRC account and find details about the bus [here](#) and [click here](#) to see what Concord Coach is doing to protect you.

**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.**

**GRC Check-in** is from 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm in Lobby Main Entrance.

- If you arrive after the GRC Office is closed, please check-into your room at the hotel front desk. Then, report to the GRC office the next morning to receive your badge.
  - GRS check-in is from 2:00pm—5:00pm on Saturday
- The GRC office** is located in Session Room A.

## ACCOMMODATIONS AND AMENITIES

**Conferees stay in hotel rooms with either a King bed or Double Queen beds.**

- Air-conditioning
- Non-smoking
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Refrigerator
- Coffee Maker

### Southbridge's Commitment to You

Southbridge has consulted with industry experts including the CDC, American Hotel Lodging Association, Government mandates and Corporate guidance for sanitation, safety, hygiene, infection prevention and hotel operations.



### Amenities:

- Fitness Center
- Racquetball and Basketball Courts
- Indoor Pool and Hot Tub
- Sauna and Steam room
- On-site parking
- Mobility accessible rooms
- Coin-Operated Laundry on each floor



## 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 on-site and off-site activities. For local attractions, please [check here](#).



## HEALTH AND SAFETY

**Southbridge is located within 6 minutes of hospital facilities.**

### COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

Masks are required indoors until further notice.

There is no longer a limit on social gatherings.

Updates on all domestic travel to and from Massachusetts can be [found here](#) and updates on all international travel can be [found here](#).

## MEALS

All meals are served buffet style in Visions Restaurant.

Vegetarian and gluten free selections are provided at all meals. Kosher meals are available at the venue with advanced notice.

## SCIENCE AND POSTER SESSIONS

**Science Sessions** are held in the Prism Auditorium.

**Poster Sessions** are held in the Crystal 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 10:00 am.



**ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT [WWW.GRC.ORG](http://WWW.GRC.ORG)**