COVID-19 and Vaccination Requirements at the Ventura Beach Marriott

- **Proof of vaccination** is required of all GRC chairs, conferees, speakers, discussion leaders, and guests.
- **Masks are required** in all conference spaces, except for when eating or drinking. GRC will provide masks to attendees and guests upon check-in.
- Poster sessions will be spaced out as much as possible and may flow into multiple rooms 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 (weather permitting) or attendees can take their meal to their room using containers provided by the hotel.

Additional Health and Safety Practices in Place at Ventura Beach Marriott

- Ventura Beach Marriott is utilizing the best practices as set forth by the CDC for cleaning and disinfection, including using hospital-grade disinfectants and regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces.
- Hand sanitizer stations are available at hotel entrances, front desks, elevators and in meeting spaces.
- Ventura Beach Marriott will require masks to be worn indoors by all guests, regardless of vaccination status.

California’s COVID-19 Travel and Testing Information

- As of December 6th, in order to travel to the U.S 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](#).
- Some individuals may be required to take a COVID-19 test prior to departure back to their institution. Information on local testing sites can be found below.
  - To find a local CVS minute clinic offering COVID-19 testing [click here](#) and enter the zip code “93001”.
  - LAX offers testing with results processed in an hour. For information about location and how to make an appointment, [click here](#).
  - Another option for testing is the state-run public facility, located at: 255 W Stanley Ave, Ventura, CA 93001
    - The facility is open Monday – Friday 11am to 7pm, by appointment only. To make an appointment, register at [https://lhi.care/covidtesting](https://lhi.care/covidtesting) or call 888-634-1123.
ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX): Located 65 miles south of Ventura
Santa Barbara Municipal Airport (SBA): Located 40 miles north of Ventura
Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR): Located 60 miles south of Ventura

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.

Shuttle bus: Several airport shuttle options via the Ventura County Airporter, or Smart Shuttle. For the Smart Shuttle, use promo code GRC21. https://www.smartshuttle805.com/reservations. With this service, please note that there may be up to a 2 hour wait time at the airport while awaiting other passengers. Shared shuttle pricing can only be utilized by passengers who are traveling together to/from the same location and traveling on the same flight.

Amtrak: Station located in Ventura (VEC)

GRC Check-in is from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the GRC Office located in the Zuma Boardroom.
- 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 the Zuma Boardroom.

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

Marriott’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
- Laundry on-site
- 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 activities such as whale watching, wine tasting, hiking, and trolley tours. Click here for a page with local activities. A representative from Ventura Visitors Bureau will be on-site to answer questions.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Ventura Beach Marriott is located within 10 minutes of hospital facilities.

COVID-19 Safety Recommendations
-Masks are required for all individuals in the following indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status: public transportation, school and indoor shelters/cooling centers.
- Ventura County Information can be found by clicking here and entering ‘Ventura’ as the county.

MEALS

All meals are served buffet style. GRC meals are served in the Atrium Mezzanine. GRS meals are served in Seaward. 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

GRC Science Sessions and Poster Sessions are held in the Buenaventura Ballroom.
GRS Science Sessions and Poster Sessions are held in the Emma Wood Jr. 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.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG