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Flagler Museum Achieves GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation

PALM BEACH, FL - The [Henry Morrison Flagler Museum](http://www.flaglermuseum.us) has been named a GBAC STAR™ Facility by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council®, a Division of ISSA, the worldwide cleaning industry association. The accreditation is considered the gold standard for facilities who have proven the implementation of the most stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention in its facility.

"We are so proud to be awarded the GBAC STAR™ for our high standards of cleanliness and prevention, and hope it brings comfort to all our guests that this is a very safe place to visit," said Erin Manning, Executive Director of the Flagler Museum. "We would like to thank the Tourist Development Council and the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County for their support in this important endeavor, as well as Discover the Palm Beaches for leading the way with the Palm Beaches Pledge initiative. Recognition should also be given to the Museum's Custodial team for their committed work around safety and cleanliness which allowed us to achieve this distinction. The Flagler Museum is honored to join the other GBAC STAR™-awarded hospitality, tourism, and cultural organizations in our area, as together we show the world that The Palm Beaches is committed to health and safety."

As the cleaning industry's only outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation, GBAC STAR™ helps organizations establish protocols and procedures, offers expert-led training and assesses a facility's readiness for biorisk situations. The program verified that the Flagler Museum implements best practices to prepare for, respond to and recover from outbreaks and pandemics.

To achieve GBAC STAR™ accreditation, the Flagler Museum was required to demonstrate compliance with the program's 20 core elements, which range from standard operating procedures and risk assessment strategies to personal protective equipment and emergency preparedness and response measures. Visitors can learn more about the accreditation and all of the Museum's current public safety protocols online at www.flaglermuseum.us/visiting.

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The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the New York Herald as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring changing exhibitions and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480. For more information, please call the Flagler Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visit www.flaglermuseum.us.

The Museum is funded in part by Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

GBAC, a Division of ISSA

Composed of international leaders in the field of microbial-pathogenic threat analysis, mitigation, response and recovery, the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, provides training, guidance, accreditation, certification, crisis management assistance and leadership to government, commercial and private entities looking to mitigate, quickly address and/or recover from biological threats and real-time crises. For more information, visit www.gbac.org.

About ISSA

With more than 9,300 members — including distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, wholesalers, building service contractors, in-house service providers, residential cleaners and associated service members — ISSA is the world's leading trade association for the cleaning industry. The association is committed to changing the way the world views cleaning by providing its members with the business tools they need to promote cleaning as an investment in human health, the environment and an improved bottom line. For more information, visit www.issa.com.