



## BIRMINGHAM-JEFFERSON CONVENTION COMPLEX: WHAT TO EXPECT AT EVENTS UPDATE ON COVID-19

The health and safety of our Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC) employees, guests, promoters and exhibitors remains our top priority. The BJCC is exceeding all recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), monitoring local developments, and taking the appropriate precautions. Our current protocols for safe meetings & events are outlined below. We will build on these protocols as new information becomes available.

### **Face Coverings**

Pursuant to the State of Alabama's Public Health Order, face coverings must be worn throughout all BJCC venues.

### **Cleaning & Sanitation**

- Touch-free hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the facility
- All high touch surfaces are disinfected on a continual basis by the BJCC Clean Team. These touch points include but are not limited to: entry doors, handrails, restrooms, trash receptacle touch points, dining tables and chairs

### **Social Distancing**

- Attendees, exhibitors and staff maintain 6' of distance
- Capacity for all exhibit halls, ballrooms, and meeting rooms has been revised to allow for social distancing standards
- Public access doors may be designated as either Entrance Only or Exit Only to limit traffic and personal contact
- Floor markings onsite direct social distancing standards
- Elevator capacity will be limited to allow for social distancing standards

### **Food & Beverage**

- Face covering over nose and mouth to be worn at all times by staff, exhibitors and attendees, except when eating and drinking in designated concession areas only

### **Onsite Communications**

- Print and digital signage in public areas, including restrooms, reminds guests of important hygiene measures and social distancing

### **Attendee Protocols**

- Attendees may be subject to a temperature check
- If exhibiting symptoms, stay home and avoid contact with other people
- Public safety is strengthened when everyone complies with good hygiene practices


### **Staff & Exhibitor Protocols**

- All employees, exhibitors and promoters will wear face masks while in close proximity to attendees and guests.
- Employees are directed to stay home when sick, and to inform Human Resources immediately if they are aware of any possible exposure to COVID-19
- Health screening for staff and exhibitors prior to entering the building

In August 2020, the BJCC earned the STAR™ Facility Accreditation on cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention, granted through the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC). The GBAC STAR is the industry's leading outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation. The accreditation process evaluated the BJCC's proficiency within 20 key efforts, ranging from standard operating procedures and risk assessment strategies to PPE and response measures to combat biohazards and infectious diseases, including the novel coronavirus (SARS CoV-2). The BJCC was the first facility in Alabama to obtain the designation.

COVID-19 remains an evolving situation. The Alabama Department of Public Health and the CDC continue to provide information and guidance. The BJCC recommends guests review the following resources for the most up-to-date information:

- Alabama Department of Health  
<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/index.html>
- Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

The Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC) is Alabama's premier sports, convention and entertainment center. It is home to two exhibition halls offering 220,000 square feet for trade shows and exhibitions, as well as three entertainment venues including the state's largest arena and concert hall. The BJCC campus also includes the Uptown Entertainment District, The Westin Birmingham Hotel and Alabama's largest hotel, the 757-room Sheraton Birmingham. Protective Stadium, Home of UAB Blazer Football and the World Games is under construction, scheduled to open in Fall 2021. 

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