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## IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Horry County Department of Airports MYR achieves GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation**

***Myrtle Beach, SC, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020*** – The Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR) is proud to announce its latest accomplishment in earning GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation from the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC). MYR is just the 8<sup>th</sup> airport in the world, and the only airport in the Carolinas and Georgia, to achieve this coveted accreditation.

GBAC STAR™ is the cleaning industry's only outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation for facilities and is the new gold standard for cleanliness. The program is performance-based and designed to help facilities establish a comprehensive system of cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention for their staff and their building. The program relies on GBAC's comprehensive training, which teaches the proper protocols, correct disinfection techniques, and cleaning best practices for biohazard situations like the novel coronavirus.

Successful GBAC STAR™ facilities are able to demonstrate that correct work practices, procedures and systems are in place to prepare, respond, and recover from outbreaks and pandemics.

"Maintaining public trust and providing a facility where travelers can feel safe has always been at the forefront of MYR's planning and pandemic response. The airport is committed to providing a clean, safe and healthy environment for its patrons and staff," said Scott Van Moppes, Director of Airports. "Achieving this accreditation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team who continues to work diligently in order to meet the high standards that passengers expect when traveling."

**About the Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR)** The Myrtle Beach International Airport is the gateway to Myrtle Beach, SC and the Grand Strand. The Myrtle Beach International Airport is owned by Horry County and operated by the Department of Airports. MYR is served by Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, Porter Airlines, Spirit, Sun Country and United Airlines. Learn more at: [www.flymyrtlebeach.com](http://www.flymyrtlebeach.com)

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