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# MD2-X3 TEXAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION • MAY 20-22

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**Courtyard by Mariott Waco** • (254) 752-8686 101 Washington Avenue

Convention will be held in the Waco Convention Center, just a short walk from Hilton Waco, and across the street from Courtyard by Marriott. **NOTE:** Only 200 total rooms have been reserved at the host hotels, so make reservations early!

# HOTELS WITHIN 1.5-MILE RADIUS OF WACO CONVENTION CENTER

**Residence Inn by Marriott Waco** • (254) 714-1386 501 S. University Parks Drive

**Hotel Indigo •** (254) 754-7000 211 Clay Avenue • Waco • 76706

**Red Roof Inn Waco** • (254) 752-3388 720 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

**La Quinta Inn & Suites •** (254) 756-2929 911 S. 10th Street

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Northcrest RV Park · (254) 799-3963 1123 N. Lacy Drive (exit 342B) • northcrestrvpark.com

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Should a medical emergency arise, Waco is home to two level 2 trauma care hospitals just minutes from the Waco Convention Center: Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Health Center and Ascension Providence Health Center. For minor emergencies and health care needs, Premiere ER & Urgent Care clinic is only 1 mile from the Waco Convention Center.

# info

We're looking forward to seeing you in Waco!

**For all Waco convention information**, like and follow our Facebook page (Facebook/Texas Lions 2021) for the latest updates on schedules, events, activities, fun Waco facts and more!

**To register,** use the registration forms included in this brochure, or visit www.TexasLions.org to register online.

### To advertise your business, product or event

in the professionally-designed 2021 souvenir Texas Lions State Convention program that will be seen by *hundreds* of your fellow Lions, complete the ad reservation form in this brochure or request one by email to TexasLions2021@gmail.com. For questions about the program or your ad, contact program designer Lion Kim Giles at (254) 420-1880.

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Ray Harper, MD-2 Council Chair, 2020-2021 (254) 718-1528

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# **DRESS CODE**

## Thursday Evening BBQ on the Brazos

Casual "Go Texan" Attire-cowboy hat, jeans, boots (dancing).

### Friday Hall of Fame Luncheon

DG, DG-E, 1st VDG-E – Council business uniform 2nd VDG-E – Business attire. All others, business casual.

## Friday Evening MD-2 Charities Banquet

DG, DG-E, 1st VDG-E – Council business uniform 2nd VDG-E – Business attire. All others, business casual.

### Saturday PDG Necrology Service Breakfast Council choice of Lions shirt. All others, business casual.

**Saturday Opportunities for Youth Luncheon** Council choice of Lions shirt. All others, business casual.

# Saturday Evening District Governors' Banquet

White dinner jacket or business suit formal. All others, evening attire.



# Don't forget your meal tickets!

Friendly convention staff members will ask for your colorful meal ticket at the door to each meal you're registered for (ticket required for entry), so be sure keep your ID badge and tickets with you!



# Be sure to watch our Facebook page while you're here... you never know when you might see your smiling face!

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**BBQ on the Brazos Welcome Party** begins at John Knox Banquet Center Vitek's BBQ and Live Entertainment from Holly Tucker Attire is "Go Texan"

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### Hall of Fame & Museum Self-Guided Tour

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# FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021

### **BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN**

7:00 am–8:15 am	Harry Wickersham Golf Committee–McLennan Hall Room 209
7:30 am–4:00 pm	Registration/Lost & Found Office open (Upper Level)
8:00 am–4:00 pm	Convention Center Hospitality Room–Lone Star Room 103 (LL)
8:00 am–5:00 pm	Storage–Eyeglasses/Bottle Caps/Donations Lone Star Room 105 (LL)
8:00 am–6:00 pm	Exhibits–Convention Center Upper Level Lobby
8:30 am–11:30 am	4th COG Meeting / State Convention–McLennan Hall Rooms 207/208
9:00 am–11:30 am	Texas Lions Camp Executive Board–Waco Room (LL)
11:45 am–1:45 pm	Hall of Fame Luncheon—Brazos Ballroom (Upper Level)
2:00–3:30 pm	TLERC Board–Ranger Room 109 (LL)
2:00–3:30 pm	Museum/State Office Foundation Board–Ranger Room 106 (LL)
2:00–5:30 pm	Texas Lions Camp Executive Board–Waco Room (LL)
2:00–4:00 pm	Texas Lions Foundation Board—Texas North Room 114 (LL)
2:00–3:30 pm	LCIF Presentation–McLennan Hall, Room 208
2:00–4:00 pm	District Governor Workshop—Texas North Room 113 (LL)
2:00–4:00 pm	District Governor-Elect Workshop—Texas South Room 116 (LL)
2:00–4:00 pm	1st Vice District Governor-Elect Workshop—Texas South Room 117 (LL)
2:00-4:00 pm	2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Workshop—Texas South Room 118 (LL)
4:15–4:45 pm	Lions of Texas International Parade—WCC Lobby (LL)
	Please wear Texas colors (vest, cowboy hat, jeans, boots, bolo)
5:30-6:30 pm	Social Hour–Convention Center Lobby (Upper Level)
6:30–8:30 pm	MD-2 Texas Charities Banquet TLC—Brazos Ballroom (Upper Level)
	Featured Speaker: Lion Kent Basinger, Chairman of the Board, Texas Lions Camp



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# **SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021**

7:30 am–2:30 pm	Registration/Lost & Found Office open (Upper Level)
7:30 am–11:30 am	Drug Awareness Speech Contest–Ranger Room 106
7:30 am–11:30 am	Diabetic Essay Contest–Ranger Room 107
7:30 am–11:30 am	Outstanding Youth Contest–Ranger Room 108
8:00 am– 4:00 pm	Convention Center Hospitality Room–Lone Star Room
8:00 am–5:00 pm	Storage–Eyeglasses/Bottle Caps/Donations–Lone St
8:00 am–5:00 pm	Exhibits–Convention Center Upper Level Lobby
8:00 am–9:30 am	PDG's Necrology Service Breakfast-Brazos Ballroon
8:30 am–11:30 am	Texas Lions Camp Executive Committee–Waco Room
9:30 am–12:00 pm	MD-2 LEO Convention–McLennan Hall 208
9:30 am–10:30 am	PDGs of Texas Lions Business Meeting–Texas North 1
9:30 am–11:00 am	District Governor-Elect Workshop–Texas South Room
9:30 am–11:00 am	1st Vice District Governor-Elect Workshop–Texas Sout
9:30 am–11:00 am	2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Workshop–Texas So
10:30 am–11:30 am	NoAMI District Champions Meeting–Ranger Room 110
12:00 pm–2:00 pm	Opportunities for Youth Luncheon–Brazos Ballroom
2:30 pm–5:00 pm	Global Causes Service Project–Chisholm Hall (Upper
5:30 pm–6:30 pm	Social Hour–Convention Center Lobby (Upper Level)
6:30 pm–8:30 pm	<b>District Governor's Banquet</b> –Brazos Ballroom (Uppe Featured Speaker: PIP Sid Scruggs (White coat or business attire)
8:30 pm–10:00 pm	PDGs of Texas Lions Meeting–McLennan Hall 209

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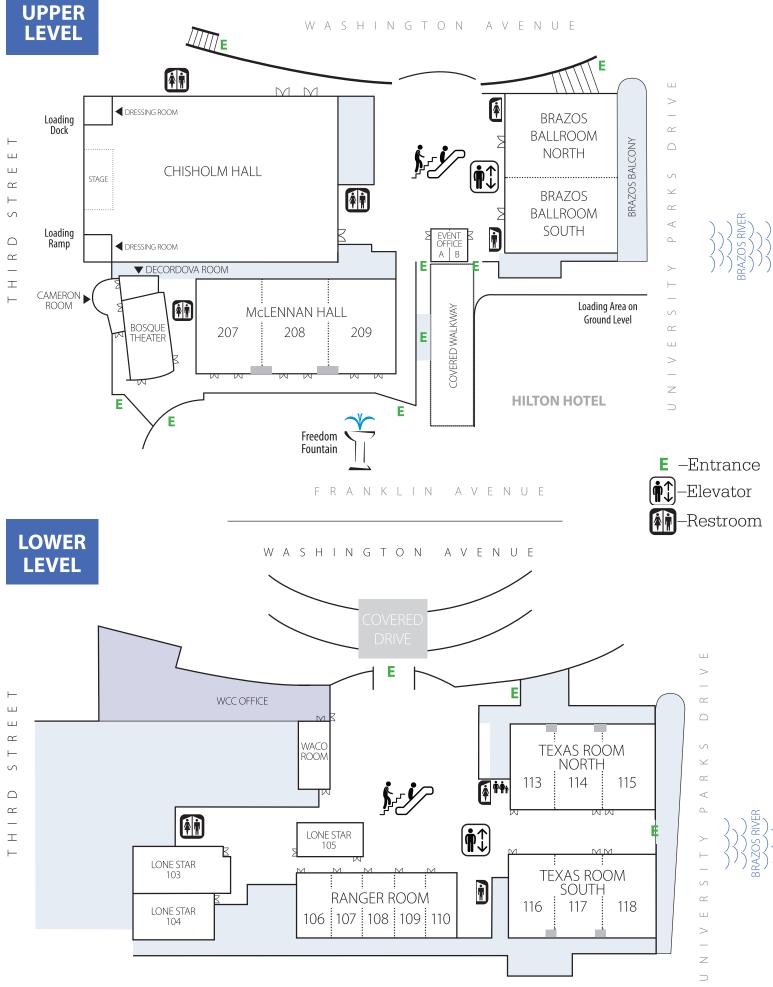
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A virtual tour of the Waco Convention Center is available at WacoCC.com.

# Waco Convention Center Reopening Guide April, 2021



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## Welcome

Thank you for selecting the Waco Convention Center for your upcoming event.

The Waco Convention Center staff strives to maintain the highest level of service, safety, and professionalism in the event industry.

This guide will provide information about the facility and help assist you through the planning process.

There is no guarantee of an event free from COVID-19 or other illness even if you follow everything in this guide. However, implementing health and safety measures are the best ways to protect live events and the people who create them, while also inspiring patrons to return to the places where we make magic happen.

Waco Convention and Visitors Bureau | Convention Center



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# **GBAC STAR Accreditation**

In December, 2020, the Waco Convention Center was awarded the Global Biorisk Advisory Council<sup>®</sup> (GBAC) STAR<sup>™</sup> accreditation, the gold standard for prepared facilities.

Under the guidance of GBAC, a Division of ISSA, the worldwide cleaning industry association, the Waco Convention Center has implemented the most stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention in its facility.

# Waco Convention Center's Dedicated Outdoor Air System

The Waco Convention Center is equipped with a Dedicated Outdoor Air System (DOAS). The DOAS is an HVAC unit that is installed outside and is often used with other HVAC equipment.

DOAS units bring fresh outside air into interior spaces independently from heating or cooling efforts. City of Waco Facilities Department currently manages and maintains all cleaning/maintenance of the Waco Convention Center HVAC.

There are several benefits to a Dedicated Outdoor Air System.

- They improve indoor air quality by removing contaminants from outdoor air before channeling it into a building.
- DOAS units are effective dehumidifiers, and they help prevent moisturerelated problems like sick building syndrome and mold growth.
- Decoupling ventilation from air heating and cooling can also lead to energy savings.

# **Capacity Levels for Events**

Events taking place from the present through December 31, 2021 can be booked at a 75% capacity level.

Events taking place from January 1, 2022 and beyond can be booked at a 100% capacity level.

Capacity booking levels are based on McLennan County's hospitalization rates and COVID-19 transmission rates.

If hospitalization rates rise and COVID-19 transmissions increase to levels deemed unsafe by the McLennan County Health Authority, the Waco Convention Center may close, or decrease to lower capacity levels until COVID-19 cases stabilize.

Staff will work to ensure all aspects of the State and Local Executive Orders are upheld. Staff will also make every effort to remain current as orders change and evolve.

The safety of our attendees and staff is always our top priority. If unsafe practices are taking place, the Waco Convention Center management reserves the right to close the event down.

	Theater Banquet		uet	Classroom		
Room Name	100%	75%	100%	75%	100%	75%
Chisholm	2,600	1,148	1,472	832	1,200	900
McLennan	1,200	546	680	384	500	375
Brazos	1,170	570	624	384	500	320
Bosque	191	143	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas North	306	140	200	112	176	106
Texas South	304	140	208	112	176	106
Ranger Room	250	187	160	88	140	99
Lone Star 103	100	75	64	36	52	32
Lone Star 104	90	67	64	40	40	28
Lone Star 105	44	33	32	24	36	24
Waco Room	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	21

# **Guidelines for Events Taking Place Prior to December 31, 2021**

Events taking place from the present through December 31, 2021 can be booked at a 75% capacity level.

Some key limitations on events through December 31, 2021 are as follows:

- Masks are required for both guests and staff
- We are currently using 72" linen-less tables in order to be able to disinfect surfaces
- Registration areas must maintain 6' social distancing
- Planned entrance/exits to each room to maximize social distancing
- Maximum of 4 people per 72" round table
- Maximum of 2 people per rectangle table
- Trade Show Booths: Maximum of 2 people working at a standard-size booth. Trade show layout should maintain a smooth flow of traffic without "dead ends."
- Dances are not allowed until after January 1, 2022

### Food Service:

- Prior to August 25, 2021, caterers will only be able to offer prepackaged or plated meals. Food buffets are not permitted.
- Coffee, tea and water urns are permissible.
- Also please note, the catering fee, charged to the caterer, is currently 25%.
- After August 25, 2021 Caterers may serve buffet style, with food dished up behind Plexiglass and handed to the attendee at the end of the cafeteria line. Self-serve buffets are not allowed until after December 31, 2021.

### In-House Food, Beverages, and Bar Service

**Bar Services.** In-house bar services will be made available on a case-by-case basis. These are standard walk-up bars. Clients are asked not to congregate around the bar area and to maintain social distance if in line.

**Food and Beverage Service.** Currently, the in-house catering department is closed. However, catering is available through our approved caterers.

### **Event Approval Process - Events Prior to December 31, 2021**

For events taking place from the present to December 31, 2021, a special event approval process is in place. The Waco Convention Center Sales Representative will create a proposal detailing the following:

- Sanitizing precautions
- Customer will agree to assume the risk of holding the event during an active pandemic
- Customer is to make masks available to all attendees and staff, as well as other appropriate PPE as needed
- Room layout(s) will be drawn showing the room at 75% capacity
- The traffic flow must be detailed to maximize social distancing and good flow

The proposal will be reviewed by internal staff, and requires review and approval by the Interim Director. Upon approval, an event contract can be issued to the client.

# **Guidelines for Events Taking Place After January 1, 2022**

Events taking place from January 1, 2022 and beyond can be booked at a 100% capacity level.

In general, the restrictions in place during 2021 are removed after January 1, 2022, but we still encourage groups to follow the General Health & Safety Guidelines found later in this document.

- Buffet service will be allowed
- As before, there is a 25% fee charged on any food or beverages, and all food and beverages must be served by an approved caterer
- Dances will be allowed

### Event Approval Process for Events Taking Place After January 1, 2022

For events taking place starting January 1, 2022, event contracts can be issued without this special process, and at 100% capacity.

# **General Health and Safety Guidelines**

Currently, we follow CDC guidelines as well as guidelines from the Waco- McLennan County Public Health District. Key points are as follows:

- Both staff and attendees are expected to wear face coverings at all times
- High-touch zones are sanitized regularly during events. These areas include handrails, door handles (both interior and exterior), bathroom surfaces, and escalator/elevator
- Hand sanitizing stations are located at key points in the building
- Staff temperatures are self-checked daily during event days
- Plexiglass shields have been installed in the reception office to protect staff and guests / attendees
- The Waco Fire Department will disinfect around the group's schedule

# **Safety Practices for Safer Events**

**Face Coverings.** Physical respiratory protection such as a cloth face covering should be worn whenever people are within six feet of each other because (a) COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets and (b) a significant number of infected people will show no outward symptoms of illness

**Social Distancing.** Public health guidance stresses that whenever possible, everyone should leave at least six feet to the person closest to them. Where a task cannot be accomplished working alone, workers can limit their exposure by forming a "work team" in which people routinely work together, but they keep their distance from everyone else.

**Hand Washing.** Frequent hand washing with soap is vital to help combat the spread of any virus. Attendees and event staff should wash their hands for twenty seconds at least every 60 minutes, and dry thoroughly with a disposable towel or dryer.

**Touching Your Face**. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Microphones, headphones, and other personal equipment should not be shared, and should be sanitized before and after each use.

**Cough and Sneeze Etiquette**. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or an elbow or shoulder if no tissue is available, followed by thorough handwashing.

# Conclusion

Thank you for working with us in our dedication to your health and safety – and ours.

As always, our staff will work to ensure all aspects of state and local Executive Orders are upheld.