



The American Public Health Association is committed to making the Annual Meeting accessible to the widest range of people possible. This guide has been designed to provide city-specific information about accessibility at the APHA Annual Meeting (including information about transportation, housing, accessible restaurants, tourist information, access services, and equipment rental, etc.). Please let us know of ways in which we might be able to serve you better.

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Visit the APHA Annual Meeting Website for more information about the Washington, DC meeting, including registration and housing, etc: [www.apha.org/meetings](http://www.apha.org/meetings)



### Accessibility Policy

It is the policy of the American Public Health Association (APHA) to hold events (meetings, conferences and professional gatherings) where physical and communication barriers do not exclude people with disabilities from attending and participating. Anyone requiring accommodations in order to participate in the APHA Annual Meeting is asked to check the appropriate box on the registration and housing forms and attach a written description of your requirements. Specific requests can also be made directly at [access@apha.org](mailto:access@apha.org) or by phone at (202) 777-2478.

## APHA Meeting Properties

In addition to the **Washington Convention Center** which will house Registration, the APHA Public Health Exposition, Public Health CareerMart, Everything APHA, Electronic Information Center, Poster Sessions, Activity Posting Center, PHocal Point, several Special Sessions and many concurrent Scientific Sessions; APHA will also be using the **Renaissance Hotel and Grand Hyatt Washington**.

Twenty (20) hotels are being used for sleeping rooms. *See pages 14 for a map of downtown Washington, DC and the APHA hotels.*

Each year APHA conducts detailed accessibility surveys of all official APHA hotels. A spreadsheet, comparing the results of these surveys is available as a PDF file on the APHA Access Web page ([www.apha.org/meetings/access](http://www.apha.org/meetings/access)). Copies of the survey results can also be requested from [access@apha.org](mailto:access@apha.org) or by calling (202) 777-2478. This information is provided to our members and registrants to enable them to select the hotel that best meets their needs. Hotel reservations must be made through APHA Housing Services, which opens on June 1.

**Please Note:** Complimentary shuttle service will be provided between official APHA hotels and the Washington Convention Center (WCC) with the exception of those indicated as within easy walking distance of the WCC. Wheelchair accessible buses will be available on all routes. For more information about accessible transportation, see "Getting around the APHA Annual Meeting" (page 8).

## Access Services at the APHA Annual Meeting

### Accessibility Booth

An Accessibility booth will be set up in the registration area of the Washington Convention Center. APHA continues to provide this service to address the concerns of registrants with accessibility needs. Stop by to find out how to navigate between APHA properties, arrange for the use of assistive listening devices, get information about the complimentary shuttle bus service, request a wheelchair or accessible van pick up, and get answers to your questions. The accessibility booth will be open during registration hours.

### Accessible Transportation

Complimentary shuttle service will be provided between the Washington Convention Center (WCC) and the official APHA Annual Meeting hotels. **The Comfort Inn Convention Center, Embassy Suites Convention Center, Four Points by Sheraton Downtown, Grand Hyatt, Hampton Inn Convention Center, Henley Park Hotel, Morrison-Clark Historic Hotel, Renaissance, and Washington Marriott at Metro Center** will *NOT* be serviced by the regular shuttle buses because they are within easy walking distance of the WCC. **Wheelchair accessible buses are available on every route.** Preliminary shuttle routes and daily schedules are indicated below. Final schedules will be available on site.



**Tentative Shuttle Bus Schedule**

Date	Time	Approximate Frequency
Saturday, October 29	7:00 am - 7:00 pm	every 30 minutes
Sunday, October 30	7:00 am - 8:30 pm	every 15-20 minutes
Monday, October 31	5:45 am - 8:30 pm	every 15-20 minutes
Tuesday, November 1	5:45 am - 8:30 pm	every 15-20 minutes
Wednesday, November 2	5:45 am - 4:30 pm	every 15-20 minutes
Route #	Hotels	Pick-up Points
Route 1	Hamilton Crowne Plaza Donovan House Washington Plaza Comfort Inn Convention Center	Main entrance Main entrance Walk to Donovan House Walk to Donovan House
Route 2	Westin Washington DC The Madison Doubletree Washington Holiday Inn Central Capital Hilton	Main entrance Walk to Westin Main Entrance Main Entrance 16 <sup>th</sup> & L Street
Route 3	Hyatt Regency Washington The Liaison Washington Court	Main entrance Walk to Hyatt Regency Walk to Hyatt Regency
Walking Distance	The Comfort Inn Convention Center, Embassy Suites Convention Center, Four Points by Sheraton Downtown, Grand Hyatt, Hampton Inn Convention Center, Henley Park Hotel, Morrison-Clark Historic Hotel, Renaissance, and Washington Marriott at Metro Center	

**On Call Accessible Transportation**

Wheelchair Accessible van transportation can also be scheduled upon request between official APHA hotels and the Washington Convention Center for attendees with disabilities. Visit or call the Shuttle Bus Service Desk located just inside the shuttle drop off area at the Washington Convention Center or the APHA Access booth in the registration area to make arrangements in advance. Phone numbers will be published on all shuttle signage, in the Final Program and in the badge-mailing packet. Please provide the shuttle company with advance notice of when and where you will need a pick up.

**Taxi Service for Attendees with Mobility Constraints**

Registrants with mobility issues who are unable to utilize APHA shuttle buses or the on call accessible transportation option, may utilize cab service to and from official APHA hotels and the Washington Convention Center (WCC). APHA will reimburse for taxi fares between official APHA Annual Meeting properties. Submit all receipts to APHA (c/o Conventions Dept., 800 I Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001) **no later than November 28, 2011.**

**APHA Disability Section**

Become a member of the APHA Disability Section and receive regular updates about new services and issues of interest. ([www.apha.org/memberships/primary/aphaspigwebsites/disability/](http://www.apha.org/memberships/primary/aphaspigwebsites/disability/))



### American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters

The APHA Opening and Closing General Sessions will have an ASL interpreter assigned to the program. Interpreters can also be arranged for hearing impaired. An ASL Request Form, indicating a preliminary schedule must be submitted to APHA no later than **September 30, 2011**. A final schedule of sessions is due **October 17**. Download copies of the form from [www.apha.org/meetings/access.htm](http://www.apha.org/meetings/access.htm) or contact [access@apha.org](mailto:access@apha.org). Please use the "personal scheduler" function available on the meetings website to help you arrange your schedule [[www.apha.org/meetings/personalscheduler.htm](http://www.apha.org/meetings/personalscheduler.htm)]. Simply select the sessions you wish to attend and then print out a copy of your personal schedule and submit it along with the ASL Request Form.



On-site requests for interpreters can be made at the Accessibly Desk in the Registration area; however, APHA cannot guarantee that the sign language provider will be able to accommodate the request without advance notice.

### Assistive Listening Devices

For registrants who are hard of hearing, a limited number of assistive listening devices will be available. Download copies of the form from [www.apha.org/meetings/access.htm](http://www.apha.org/meetings/access.htm) or contact [access@apha.org](mailto:access@apha.org) to reserve an assistive listening device ahead of time. Onsite, arrangements can be made through the AVMG Audio Visual Office in **Room 209BC** at the Washington Convention Center. There will be no charge for the use of these devices, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Keep in mind however, that this technology involves the installation of "transmitters" in the sessions you wish to attend. One-day advance notice is required in order to provide technicians with sufficient time to install the devices. Headphones that enable you to take advantage of these transmitters can be picked up at the **AVMG Office (Room 209BC)**.



### Chemical Sensitivity

The APHA Annual Meeting is a smoke-free event. Smoking is not permitted in any of the meeting rooms used for scientific sessions, business meetings or APHA sponsored social events. The Washington Convention Center is a smoke-free environment, be aware however, that some hotels do allow smoking in some public areas. Specific requests will be made to the hotels and the convention center, that chemicals not be used on the meeting room carpeting within 4 days of the commencement of our meeting and that only unscented products be used in guest rooms. In addition, APHA requests that its meeting attendees refrain from smoking and from wearing fragranced products such as hairspray, perfume, cologne and scented lotions, for the comfort and health of all our registrants.

APHA's official decorator, GES, installs new carpeting just before the Public Health Expo opens. This carpeting is made from 25% post industrial recycled fiber, is 100% recyclable, is classified as low voc (volatile organic compound), and should not pose a problem for people with chemical sensitivity.

### Chronic Pain

APHA members with disabilities (including chronic pain) have indicated that in crowded locations and at other times at APHA they experience perhaps unintended pushing or well-intended taps that have caused pain or have caused them to lose their balance. Please be aware of this and be considerate of all of our members.

### First Aid Station



A First Aid Station will be staffed at the Washington Convention Center (Hall D) during annual meeting hours. If you feel ill or need a place to lie down, go to the First Aid Station. In case of a medical emergency in the WCC, please dial x3109 from any house phone telephone or (202) 249-3109 from a portable phone.

In the event of a medical emergency requiring an ambulance, please call the Command Center at x 3333 from a house or public telephone in the Center, or call the Command Center at (202) 249-3333 from a portable phone.

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### **Electronic Information Center**

All APHA Annual Meeting registrants can correspond with other registered attendees via the electronic information center onsite. The message center can be accessed from two onsite locations. From the E-I-Cs registrants will also be able to search the final program and abstracts, confirm room locations, utilize the personal scheduler and visit the Virtual Expo.

### **Information Desks**



APHA information desks will be set up at the Renaissance Hotel, Grand Hyatt and the Washington Convention Center. These desks will be staffed by temporary staff that are knowledgeable about the hotel/convention center properties. They will also be able to provide information about the shuttle schedules and accessibility, the APHA Program, session locations, etc. Registrants who need to request a wheelchair accessible pick up should call the shuttle desk at the WCC and can do so from the information desk or Accessibility desk phone.

### **Meeting Room Set Ups**

Specific requests will be made to the APHA Meeting Hotels and the Washington Convention Center regarding adequate aisle space and cut-outs for wheel chair users in all meeting rooms. Please note the standard head table set up provides a podium and podium microphone. If you are presenting a paper, and require a tabletop or lavalier microphone, please notify APHA in writing at least **3 weeks in advance** of the meeting. Every effort will be made to set meeting rooms to accommodate people with disabilities both as speakers and in the audience, please contact us at [access@apha.org](mailto:access@apha.org) or by phone at (202) 777-2478 with any accessibility requests.

### **Mobility Constraints**



Due to the large size of the APHA Annual Meeting, sessions are sometimes spread out and distances between the sessions can be considerable. If you are a regular wheelchair user you should bring your chair with you. If you can get along without a wheelchair but feel that you may need one to navigate the distances at the Convention Center, electric scooters can be rented. See page 12 for detailed information on suppliers of wheelchairs and scooters.

With regard to transportation between properties please see page 3 for shuttle and on-call accessible van transport information. The Accessibility booth can also provide you with transportation information and access to the on-call van service.

### **Visually Impaired/Blind Registrants**



In an effort to make the Annual Meeting Program and Abstracts as well as a number of on-site services accessible to registrants who are visually impaired, APHA has purchased a copy of a screen reading program called JAWS (Job Access with Speech). This program is installed on one computer in the Electronic Information Center (located in the Exhibit Hall adjacent to the "Everything APHA"). From this computer, registrants can access the Online Program, message center, personal email, the Virtual Trade Show, the APHA Website and more. JAWS is designed to read aloud text on a computer screen. Please note: It is not a screen magnification program.

## **Scientific Program and Abstracts**

### **Online Program**

The **Online Program** and the **Personal Scheduler** can be accessed in advance of the meeting, on-site, at the message center, as well as after the meeting (via the meetings website). You will be able to select sessions you plan to attend, print out individual abstracts (and handouts if they have been uploaded by the presenters), and produce an individualized daily schedule. For blind or visually impaired registrants, screen reading functionality is available at one computer in the Electronic Information Center. Please ask the message center host for assistance.

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Note: After registration badges are mailed in early October, room locations will be visible from the Personal Scheduler for registered attendees only.

### **Final Program**

The final printed Program will be distributed at the Program Pick-Up Counters on-site in the APHA Registration Area at the WCC. This publication will provide final session and event information and locations.

**Please note:** If requested in advance, arrangements can be made to provide the final program and abstracts on CD-ROM or USB thumb drive. Requests should be made in writing to [access@apha.org](mailto:access@apha.org). The **online program** is available in .html format. (Due to the large size of our program, large print, Braille and audio cassette recordings are not available.)

### **Abstract Information**

Abstracts, including learning objectives, CE accreditation, and financial disclosures are available online at <http://apha.confex.com/apha/139am/webprogram/start.html>. Abstracts are searchable by keyword, phrase or name and can be printed from any computer with an internet connection.

Recorded Sessions: Web access to hundreds of individual session presentations can be purchased by registering for *E-ssential Learning* on the registration form. These presentations can be access 2-3 weeks after the meeting. A high speed internet connection is required. More information can be found at <http://www.apha.org/meetings/sessions/recordedpresentations.htm>.

## **Getting To Washington, DC**

The Washington, DC area is served by Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Washington Dulles International Airport, and Baltimore-Washington International Airport. For more information about these airports, visit their websites.

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport - <http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/reagan.htm>

Dulles International Airport - <http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/dulles.htm>

Baltimore-Washington International Airport - <http://www.bwiairport.com/en>

### **Car Rental Discounts**

Special discounts have been negotiated with **Avis Car Rental**, exclusively for APHA Annual Meeting attendees. Follow the instructions below to take advantage of these special discounts. Please make sure agents are aware of any special needs you may have.

#### **Avis Car Rental:**

Call 1-800-331-1600 or visit [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com) Refer to Discount Number **A900699**

- All discounted rates include unlimited mileage.

### **Air Travel Discounts**

Special discounts have been negotiated with **American Airlines** and **United Airlines**, exclusively for APHA Annual Meeting attendees. Follow the instructions below to take advantage of these special discounts. Please make sure agents are aware of any special needs you may have.

#### **American Airlines:**

Call 1-800-443-1790 or visit [www.aa.com](http://www.aa.com). Refer to File Number **58H1BA**

- Valid travel dates: October 26 – November 5, 2011.
- 5% off lowest applicable fare, all cabins. Fare rules and restrictions apply.

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- Discount cannot be used in conjunction with other discounted fare types, i.e. senior, child, military, government, companion and internet.
- The percentage discount can be booked on-line at [www.AA.com](http://www.AA.com) for American Airlines and American Eagle flights only
- \$20 ticketing fee for tickets purchased via the telephone or \$30 for tickets purchased at the airport. No ticketing fee for reservations made online.

**United Airlines:**

Call 1-800-521-4041 or visit [www.united.com](http://www.united.com). Refer to Meeting ID Number **589AU**

- Valid travel dates: October 22 – November 9, 2011.
- 2-10% off applicable fares. Fare rules and restrictions apply.
- Offer applies to domestic travel on United, United Express or United code share flights (UA).

**Train Travel Discounts**

Special discounts have been negotiated with **Amtrak**, exclusively for APHA Annual Meeting attendees. Follow the instructions below to take advantage of these special discounts. Please make sure agents are aware of any special needs you may have.

Call 1-800-872-7245 or visit [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) Refer to Code Number **X36F-919**

- Valid Travel Dates: October 26 – November 5, 2011.
- 10% off lowest available rail fare (not valid on auto train or Acela).
- Reservations CANNOT be made via the internet.
- Offer valid on regional as well as with sleepers, business class or first class with payment of the full applicable accommodation charges.

## **Transportation to and from the Airport**

**MARC Trains**

MARC Trains provide service from the BWI Rail Station to Union Station. Free shuttles from the airport will take you to the BWI Rail Station. To contact the BWI Rail Station, please call 410-672-6169. For specific information about MARC Train service and to verify MARC schedules call 1-800-325-RAIL or go to [www.mtmaryland.com](http://www.mtmaryland.com).

**Airport Shuttles**

A number of shuttle services provide transportation to and from the local Airports and downtown Washington, DC. From the Airports, vans are available on a walk-up basis. To the Airport, advanced reservations are required (rates range from \$10-\$30 each way). The following companies provide van service to and from the airport:

- [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com): 1-800-BLUE-VAN or 703-416-7873 local office
- [www.theairportshuttle.com](http://www.theairportshuttle.com): 1-800-776-0323.
- [http://www.washfly.com/flyer\\_bus\\_about.htm](http://www.washfly.com/flyer_bus_about.htm): Washington Flyer provides direct transportation from Dulles International to the Metrorail West Falls Church Station (Orange Line) every 30 minutes. For tickets, call 1-888-927-4359.
- **BWI Express:** connects BWI Airport to the Greenbelt Metro Station. Go to the lower level of the International Pier. The B30 will pick you up outside at the bus shelter. Follow the signs that say “Public Transit.” A route map and schedule is available on Metro's website [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com)

**Metrorail & Metrobus**

Metrorail and Metrobus provide the safest, cleanest and most efficient way of getting around Washington, DC and the metropolitan suburbs. Five rail lines, including a station stop at the Washington Convention Center and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and an extensive bus system connect the District with Maryland and Virginia. Metrorail opens at 5:30 am weekdays and 7:00 am on weekends. It closes at midnight Sunday to Thursday. On Friday and Saturday nights, it stays open until 3:00 am. Fare is based on distance traveled and increases during

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rush hour. Rail farecards can be purchased at vending machines located inside the stations. Rail maps and Metrobus schedules can be found at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com). (See pages 8-9 for Metrorail access information.)

### **Taxi Service**

Taxis are readily available from the Airports and one-way cab fare to or from Downtown Washington, DC range from \$11-25 from Ronald Reagan National and \$44-61 from Dulles and BWI Airports. Uniformed taxi curbside coordinators are on duty at the taxi zone at each terminal to assist passengers with questions or concerns. Taxi cabs can easily be found around Washington, DC.

The following cab companies all have accessible minivan pickups.

**Barwood, Inc.** - (301) 984-1900 [Serves Montgomery County, Maryland and Washington, DC]

**Red Top Cab** - (703) 522-3333 [Serves northern Virginia]

**Regency Taxi** - (301) 990-9000 [Serves Montgomery County, Maryland and Washington, DC]

**Yellow Cab** - (703) 451-2255 [Serves northern Virginia]

## **Getting Around the Annual Meeting and Washington, DC**

### **APHA Shuttle Service**

Complimentary shuttle service will be provided between many official APHA hotels and the Washington Convention Center (WCC) with the exception of the **Comfort Inn Convention Center, Embassy Suites Convention Center, Four Points by Sheraton Downtown, Grand Hyatt, Hampton Inn Convention Center, Henley Park Hotel, Morrison-Clark Historic Hotel, Renaissance, and Washington Marriott at Metro Center** which are within walking distance. At least one wheelchair accessible buses will be available on all routes.

### **On Call Transportation**

APHA has made special arrangements to provide an on call transportation service for wheelchair users and others with mobility disabilities (see page 3 for details)

### **Taxi Service**

Hundreds of cab companies service downtown Washington, DC. **Taxis with wheelchair lifts are available (see list below)**. Taxis are readily available in the downtown area and at the airport. Suggested Cab Companies include:

- DC Yellow Cab: (202) 829-4222
- Diamond Cab DC: (202)-387-6200
- Georgetown Cab: (202) 529-8979

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- Royal Taxi: (202) 398-0500
- Yellow Paratransit: (202) 544-1213
- Barwood, Inc.: (301) 984-1900
- Yellow Cab: (703) 451-2255
- Red Top Cab: (703) 522-3333
- Regency Taxi: (301) 990-9000

### **APHA policy regarding taxi fare reimbursement for registrants with disabilities:**

Registrants with mobility issues who are unable to utilize APHA shuttle buses or the on call accessible transportation option, may utilize cab service to and from official APHA hotels and the Washington Convention Center. APHA will reimburse for taxi fares between official APHA Annual Meeting properties. Submit all receipts to APHA (c/o Conventions Dept., 800 I St., NW, Washington, DC 20001) no later than **November 28, 2011**.



### **The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)**

Most points of interest and popular Washington, DC visitor destinations are along, or within, walking distance of Metro services. All Metrorail trains and buses are wheelchair accessible. Visit [www.metroopensdoors.com](http://www.metroopensdoors.com) for detailed information, maps and schedules.

- **Metrorail:** Metrorail is an underground train service that runs throughout the Washington metropolitan area including Maryland and Virginia. Metrorail fare cards can be purchased at all stations. Reduced fares for senior citizens and persons with disabilities are available. There is a metro stop at the Washington Convention Center [**Mt. Vernon Square/Convention Center**] Station on the yellow and green lines. Visit [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com) for schedules and fare information.
- **Metrobus:** Metrobus also services the metropolitan area and has extensive routes throughout the city. Lift-equipped and kneeling buses make all buses accessible. More than 70 percent of the buses in Metro's fleet have audio stop announcements that identify major intersections and transfer points. There is also a visual display. The G8 bus provides transportation from the WCC west to hotels along the H and I Street corridors. Regular base fare is \$1.70.
- **MetroAccess:** [http://www.wmata.com/accessibility/metroaccess\\_service/](http://www.wmata.com/accessibility/metroaccess_service/) MetroAccess is the ADA paratransit service for the Washington, DC area which provides curb-to-curb transportation for eligible riders. For an application form, call 301-562-4640 or TTY 301-588-7535. Out of town visitors may call 202-962-2700 for temporary eligibility.

### **DC Circulator**

The DC Circulator is all about downtown Washington, DC. Its five routes link cultural, entertainment and business destinations within the city's central core, and its buses – featuring low floors, big windows, and multiple doors for easy on-and-off service – are unlike any other public transit in town. Three lines are located within walking distance from the Convention Center including one line which stops directly at the Convention Center. Regular Fare is \$1 and \$.50 for Senior/Disabled. To see where the DC Circulator can take you go to <http://www.dccirculator.com/>.

## Washington, DC Meeting Properties

Washington, DC visitors enjoy access to an impressive list of free and fascinating attractions, from the powerful monuments and memorials on the National Mall to inspiring cultural treasures like the Smithsonian Institution, Library of Congress and National Gallery of Art. A diverse and beautiful world capital, DC invites visitors to step beyond these federal landmarks to explore charming neighborhoods like historic Georgetown, eclectic Adams-Morgan and trendy U Street.

The 139<sup>th</sup> APHA Annual Meeting and Exhibition takes place in 3 properties: The Washington Convention Center, the Renaissance Hotel and the Grand Hyatt Washington.

### **Getting Around the Washington Convention Center – 800 Mount Vernon Place, NW**

The Walter E. Washington Convention Center is committed to accommodating the needs of individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. A curbside drop-off for wheelchairs and sidewalk curb cut-outs is located at each corner of the Convention Center perimeter. Inside the center, meeting rooms, exhibit halls and public areas are all served by conveniently located elevators. Telephones, drinking fountains and restrooms throughout the building are wheelchair accessible. The taxi curbside cut-out located at Mount Vernon Place is available for wheelchair drop-off/transfers. ADA ramps are accessible from either end of Mount Vernon Place. Tactile Braille signage is at the entrances to all meeting rooms and restrooms, and inside and outside all passenger elevators. Infrared Audio Assistive Listening Systems are permanently installed in the meeting rooms and Ballroom.



### **Getting Around the Grand Hyatt Washington, DC – 1000 H St, NW**

The staff at Grand Hyatt Washington is committed to ensuring that they meet and exceed all of the requirements for the Americans with Disabilities Act. The staff at the Washington DC lodging is trained to accommodate guests with special needs, so that all of their guests, including those with disabilities, are able to have an enjoyable and safe stay. At the Washington DC area lodging, they want to make sure all their guests are able to take advantage of every activity the hotel has to offer.

#### **Available assistance devices include:**

- Audio/Visual smoke detectors
- Braille symbols in elevators
- Bath tub bench and grab rails
- Connecting rooms
- Restaurant menus in Braille
- Closed caption television decoder

### **Getting Around the Renaissance Hotel Washington, DC – 999 9<sup>th</sup> St, NW**

The staff at the Renaissance Hotel Washington is committed to ensuring that they meet the requirements for the Americans with Disabilities Act. The staff is trained to accommodate guests with special needs, so that all of their guests, including those with disabilities, are able to have an enjoyable and safe stay. At the Washington DC area lodging, they want to make sure all their guests are able to take advantage of every activity the hotel has to offer.

- Audio/Visual smoke detectors
- Braille symbols in elevators
- Bath tub bench and grab rails
- (5) Accessible Restaurants
- Closed caption television decoder
- In-House Kits for the Hearing Impaired

## **Housing/Hotel Reservations**

### **Reservations**

All reservations for housing at the APHA Annual Meeting must be made through the official APHA Housing Service, J. Spargo & Associates. Registration and Housing are integrated. Complete your registration form first and you will be linked to a pre-populated housing form.

Reservations can be made between **June 1, 2011**, and **September 30, 2011** by choosing one of the following methods:

- **Internet:** Book your reservation online at <http://www.apha.org/meetings/housing> and receive instant confirmation!
- **Fax:** Send a completed form, one copy per room, to **(703) 631-6288**. Forms can be downloaded from the website referenced above
- **Mail:** Send a completed form with check to **APHA Housing Services, c/o J. Spargo & Associates, 11208 Waples Mill Rd. Suite 112, Fairfax, VA 22030**.
- **Telephone:** APHA Housing Services [J.Spargo & Assoc.], 8:30 am-5 pm ET, Monday-Friday, closed government holidays at: **(866) 871-5085** (toll free); **(703) 449-6418** (international).

The Online housing form provides detailed information about each hotel, including specific accessibility information. Please advise housing service reservation staff of any accessibility accommodations needed for persons with visual, hearing, or mobility disabilities. Make your reservation as early as possible, as there are a limited number of accessible rooms available at each property.



**Hotel Accessibility Surveys**

Each year APHA collects detailed accessibility surveys of all official APHA hotels. These surveys (completed by the hotels) provide information about accessible entrances, parking and drop-off areas at the hotels and contain information regarding accessible public areas, guest rooms, meeting rooms, restaurants, hotel amenities and assistive devices. A spreadsheet, comparing the results of these surveys is available as a PDF file on the APHA Access Web page, <http://www.apha.org/meetings/access/>. Copies of the survey results can also be requested from [access@apha.org](mailto:access@apha.org) or by calling (202) 777-2478. This information is provided to our members and registrants to assist them in selecting the hotel that best meets their needs. Hotel reservations must be made through APHA Housing Services (J. Spargo & Assoc.).

**Location of Meeting Hotels in Relationship to the Washington, DC Convention Center:** Meetings, social events and scientific sessions have been scheduled at the Renaissance Hotel, Grand Hyatt Washington and the Washington Convention Center (WCC) – **see map on page 15.**

**Dining/Restaurants**

There is a wide range of fine dining in Washington, DC to suit almost any taste and budget. Many restaurants are accessible and there are tourist and dining guides that will help in locating accessible dining options. Search through restaurants in Washington, DC at <http://www.westword.com/restaurants/search>. View the “Features” dropdown menu to narrow down restaurants that are wheelchair accessible, smoke free, vegetarian and more. Check with your hotel concierge to learn more about accessible restaurants in those and other areas.

**What to See in Washington, DC**

**Tourist Information**

When you wake up in Washington, DC, adventure awaits. If you’re looking for a chic and sophisticated jaunt, visit any of the hundreds of museums and galleries that make Washington, DC the Arts Capital of the West. Indulge your inner shopper or foodie. Before coming to Washington, DC, check out some of these internet resources:

**For General Washington, DC Information:**

- Washington, DC Convention & Visitors Bureau: <http://washington.org/>
- City of Washington, DC Website - <http://dc.gov/DC/>

**For information on Public Transportation:**

- Regional Transportation Direct (RTD): [http://www.wmata.com/getting\\_around/regional\\_transit.cfm](http://www.wmata.com/getting_around/regional_transit.cfm)
- Reagan National Airport: <http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/reagan.htm>

**For more information about accessible resources:**

- Washington, DC Office of Disability Rights:  
<http://www.Washington,DCgov.org/HomePage/tabid/432297/Default.aspx>
- Washington, DC Conventions & Visitors Bureau Accessible Page:  
<http://www.Washington,DC.org/transportation/accessibility-services>

**Information about Access Services and Equipment**

<b>Accessible Van Rentals</b>	
Accessible Vans of America 866-244-1750 <a href="http://www.accessiblevans.com/">http://www.accessiblevans.com/</a>	Wheelers 800-456-1371 <a href="http://www.wheelersvanrentals.com/WashingtonDC/">http://www.wheelersvanrentals.com/WashingtonDC/</a>

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Wheelchair Getaways 1-800-642-2042 <a href="http://www.wheelchairgetaways.com/">http://www.wheelchairgetaways.com/</a>	
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<b>Durable Medical Equipment</b>	
Lenox Medical 1-866-474-4356 <a href="http://www.lenoxmedicalsupply.com/">http://www.lenoxmedicalsupply.com/</a>	Super Pharmacy and Medical Equipment 202-388-0050 <a href="http://www.superpharmacyllc.com/">http://www.superpharmacyllc.com/</a>

<b> Scooter/Wheelchair Rentals</b>	
ScootAround Inc. (rentals available in 73 cities in US & Canada) 584 Pembina Hwy. #204 Winnipeg, Canada R3M 3X7 Toll Free: 888-441-7575 <a href="http://www.scootaround.com/">http://www.scootaround.com/</a>	Express Mobility Services 202-315-5848 <a href="http://www.expressmobilityservices.com/">http://www.expressmobilityservices.com/</a> Scootaround Mobility Solutions 1-888-441-7575 <a href="http://www.cityscootertours.com/washington.htm">http://www.cityscootertours.com/washington.htm</a>
USA Mobility Inc 7808 Cherry Creek South Dr STE 116 Washington, DC 80231 303-377-8008 <a href="http://www.usamobilityinc.com/index.html">http://www.usamobilityinc.com/index.html</a>	National Medical Supply 8200 E Pacific Pl Washington, DC 80231 303-777-1100 <a href="http://www.national-med.com/">http://www.national-med.com/</a>

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## Guide to the Location of Sections, SPIG's and Caucuses

### Washington Convention Center:

- Aging and Public Health
- Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs
- APHA
  - Action Board
  - Association Office
  - Center for Public Health Policy
  - Closing General Session
  - Committee on Women’s Rights
  - Communications
  - Education Board
  - Film Festival
  - Governing Council
  - Government Relations
  - Joint Policy Committee
  - Learning Institutes
  - Opening General Session
  - Poster Sessions
  - Press Office
  - Public Health Expo
  - Public Hearings
  - Publication Board/AJPH
  - Student Assembly
- Cancer Forum
- Chiropractic Health Care

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- Community Health Planning & Policy Development
- Disability Section
- Epidemiology
- Health Administration
- Health Informatics Information Technology Center
- Healthy Communities for Healthy Aging Forum
- HIV/AIDS
- Injury Control and Emergency Health Services
- International Health
- Labor Caucus
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus
- Maternal and Child Health
- Men's Health Caucus
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Peace Caucus
- Population, Reproductive and Sexual Health
- Public Health Education and Health Promotion
- Public Health Nursing
- Socialist Caucus
- Spirit of 1848
- Vietnam Caucus
- Women's Caucus
- Health Informatics Information Technology (HIIT)
- Health Law Forum
- Latino Caucus
- Medical Care
- Mental Health
- Oral Health
- Podiatric Health
- Statistics
- Trade and Health Forum
- Veterinary SPIG
- Vision Care

### Grand Hyatt Washington:

- Academic Public Health Caucus
- Alternative and Complementary Health Practices SPIG
- Black Caucus of Health Workers
- Caucus on Homelessness
- Caucus on Public Health and the Faith Community
- Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health
- Community Based Public Health Caucus
- Community Health Workers
- Family Violence Prevention
- Health Equity and Public Hospitals Caucus

### Renaissance Washington, DC:

- American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Caucus
- APHA
  - Committee on Affiliates
  - Committee on Constitution & By Laws
  - Committee on Membership
  - Conference on Emeritus Members
  - Equal Health Opportunity Committee
  - Innovations Project
  - International Human Rights Committee
  - Intersectional Council
  - Science Board
  - World Federation of Public Health Associations
- Asian and Pacific Islander Caucus
- Breastfeeding Forum
- Environment
- Ethics SPIG
- Food and Nutrition
- Genomics Forum
- Physical Activity SPIG
- School Health Education Services
- Social Work

### Hyatt Regency:

- Association of Schools of Public Health

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## OFFICIAL APHA HOTELS (SEE MAP FOR LOCATIONS)

- |                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Capitol Hilton*                   | 11 Holiday Inn Central              |
| 2 Comfort Inn Convention Center     | 12 Hyatt Regency Washington*        |
| 3 Donovan House                     | 13 Marriott Metro Center            |
| 4 Doubletree Washington             | 14 Morrison Clark Inn               |
| 5 Embassy Suites Convention Center* | 15 Renaissance Washington DC        |
| 6 Four Points by Sheraton*          | 16 The Liaison, an Affinia Hotel*   |
| 7 Grand Hyatt Washington            | 17 The Madison                      |
| 8 Hamilton Crowne Plaza             | 18 Washington Court*                |
| 9 Hampton Inn Convention Center     | 19 Washington Plaza                 |
| 10 Henley Park Hotel                | 20 Westin Washington DC City Center |
- \* union property

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