

# Directions to The Children's Inn at NIH 7 West Drive, Building 62, Bethesda, MD 20814, 301-496-5672

All visitors must enter either through the NIH Visitors Gate or the NIH Commercial Entrance, both located on Rockville Pike. If you are bringing camera equipment, entering via the commercial entrance is the best way to go through NIH security.

### **Driving Directions:**

# From Baltimore and All Points North of Washington, DC

- Take I-95 south toward Washington, DC. At I-495 (Capital Beltway), head west toward Silver Spring/Bethesda.
- From the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 33, which is MD 185N/Connecticut Ave.
- Keep right at the fork, following the signs for Kensington/Beach Drive and merge onto 185N/Connecticut Ave.
- Turn left onto Beach Drive
- Turn left at the first cross street onto Cedar Lane
- Use the 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left lane to turn onto Rockville Pike
- Turn right at NIH Visitors Gate or NIH CVIF (Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility)

#### From Virginia and All Points South of Washington, DC

- Take I-95 north toward Washington, DC. At I-495 (Capital Beltway), head north toward Silver Spring/Bethesda.
- From the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 34, which is Rt. 355 (Wisconsin Ave./Rockville Pike) and head south toward Washington/Bethesda.
- Turn right at NIH Visitors Gate or NIH CVIF (Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility)

#### **Metro Directions:**

Take the red line train to Medical Center. Take the escalator up to ground level and enter the NIH security building to your left. After you pass through security, you will be on the NIH campus. There will be about a 0.5 mile walk from metro to The Children's Inn. Walk down South Drive and veer right at the anchor statue, onto Center Drive. Follow Center Drive until you reach West Drive. Turn right onto West Drive and The Children's Inn will be on your left.

# Security Procedures for Entering the NIH Campus:

With ample advance notice, Children's Inn staff may be able to make easier arrangements for you to enter campus. Please **follow these instructions** closely to make sure you bring proper identification and do not accidentally carry items in your car that are not permitted on campus. Before you arrive, Children's Inn staff may discuss additional safety precautions with you to help protect the health of our vulnerable NIH pediatric patients.

Please be sure to have your driver's license or other government issued ID ready to hand to the security personal.

\* Visitors over 15 years of age must provide a form of government-issued ID such as a driver's license or passport. Visitors under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

## Hours of Operation

Please be aware that this inspection station will be open Monday-Friday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. If visitors must enter campus outside these hours of operation (such as weekends and holidays), they must do so by going through the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility (CVIF), located just north of Wilson Dr. off Wisconsin Ave.

## **Vehicle Inspections**

All vehicles and their contents will be inspected upon entering the campus. Additionally, all vehicles entering certain parking areas will be inspected, regardless of any prior inspection. Drivers will be required to present their driver's license and may be

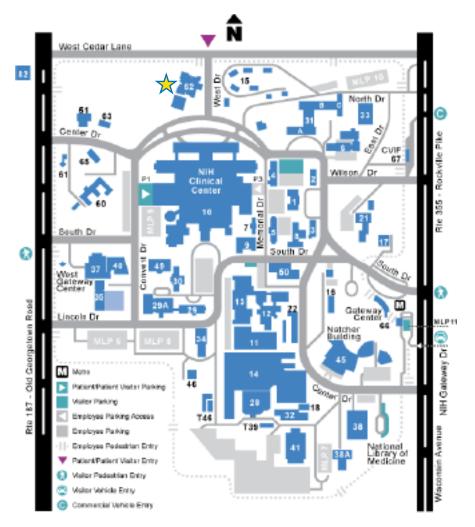
asked to open the trunk and hood. If you are physically unable to perform this function, please inform the inspector and they will assist you.

Vehicle inspection may consist of any combination of the following: Detection Dogs Teams (K-9), Electronic Detection Devices and Manual Inspection. After inspection, you will be issued a vehicle inspection pass. It must be displayed on your vehicle's dashboard while you are on campus.

## **Personal Inspections**

All visitors should be prepared to submit to a personal inspection prior to entering the campus. These inspections may be conducted with a handheld monitoring device, a metal detector and by visible inspection. Additionally, your personal belongings may be inspected and passed through an x-ray machine.

Visitor passes must be prominently displayed at all times while on the NIH campus.



Important Information Regarding Parking at The Children's Inn:

There is complimentary parking available at The Children's Inn for guests. There are two parking spaces that you do not need a temporary parking permit for – marked 20 minute parking only. Otherwise, you may park your vehicle and obtain a temporary parking pass from the volunteer or Manager on Duty at the Welcome Desk in the Children's Inn lobby. The permit that was issued to you at the security checkpoint does not authorize you to park in this lot, it only allows you to enter the NIH campus. You will need to obtain a Children's Inn parking permit in our lobby. Any unauthorized vehicles parked in The Children's Inn parking lot face fines and possible towing.