NIH Visitor Map
Street Address:
National Institutes of Health
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892

Main Visitor Entrance for Vehicles
– NIH Gateway Drive
  • Use the Gateway Visitor Vehicle Inspection (Building 66A)
  • Access just south of Medical Center Metro Station on Rockville Pike
  • Weekdays: 4am – 12pm
  • Weekends/Holidays: Closed
  • After 12pm and on weekends/holidays, vehicle inspections will continue at the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility (CVIF), Building 67, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Main Visitor Entrance for Pedestrians
– NIH Gateway Center
  • Use the NIH Gateway Center (Building 66)
  • Open Monday – Friday, 6am - 10pm
  • Weekends/Holidays: Closed
  • After 10 pm on weekdays, all weekends and holidays, pedestrian visitors should enter campus via the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility (CVIF) - Building 67 (on Rockville Pike between North Drive and Wilson Drive)
  • Patients and patients’ visitors are encouraged to use the West Drive Patient Entrance on W. Cedar Lane, 6am – 10pm, 7 days a week

Patient and Patient Visitor Entrance
West Cedar Lane and West Drive
• Open 7 days a week: Inbound Traffic only, 6 am - 10 pm
• After 10 pm, all patients and patient visitors should enter campus via the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility (CVIF) -- Building 67 (on Rockville Pike between North Drive and Wilson Drive)
• Patients with NIH badges may enter through any one of the badged entrances -Friday, 7am - 7pm)
• Valet Parking at Clinical Center Main Entrance (Monday-Friday, 7am - 7pm) Open to patients and patient visitors ONLY

Commercial Vehicle Entrance: Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility (CVIF) - Building 67
Rockville Pike - between North Dr. and Wilson Dr.
• Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
• After 4pm on weekdays, all day weekends and holidays, all visitors in vehicles should enter via the CVIF
• After 10pm on weekdays and holidays, pedestrians should enter via the CVIF

To learn more about visitor and security issues at the NIH, visit: [https://www.nih.gov/about-nih/visitor-information](https://www.nih.gov/about-nih/visitor-information)
For questions about campus access, please contact the ORS Information Line at orsinfo@mail.nih.gov or 301-594-6677, TTY - 301-435-1908
Welcome to the NIH. Please take the time to read this bulletin. It contains important parking and security information you need when visiting the NIH campus.

**Patient and Patient Visitor Parking:**

Clinical Center — P3 Entrance
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Parking Ticket Validation Required**

Patient & Patient Visitor Parking Validation:
B1 Lobby at Hospitality Desk

No validation required weeknights after 9pm, weekends & holidays

**Valet Parking Service:**
Available at the Clinical Center Main Entrance

Monday — Friday
7am - 7pm
Ticket validation required

Valet Parking Validation:
North Lobby at Hospitality Desk
7am - 7pm

Unclaimed vehicles after 7pm will be parked in the front of the Clinical Center roadway and keys will be transferred to the CRC/Bldg.10 Admissions desk.

**Patient and Patient Visitor Extended Access Pass:**
You can request an optional, extended visitor Photo ID and Campus Access Pass to expedite your campus and building entry. Visit the Clinical Center Admissions Desk or see your patient care coordinator for these timesaving services.

**General Visitor Parking Information:**

Visitors (other than patients) should park at the Gateway Parking Garage (MLP-11) and in designated visitor parking lot:

**Visitor Lot 18** is a 24-hour operation, is a 24-hour operation on the south side of campus on the campus shuttle routes. An attendant is on site Monday – Friday, 7:00am – 9:00pm. Outside of those hours, visitors can park and pay upon exit by using a credit card, Apple Pay, etc.

Visitor Lot 18
Monday – Friday:
6am - 9pm (entrance)
6am - 11pm (exit)
$2.00 per hour for the first three hours $12.00 for the entire day

Metered parking lots:
Monday – Friday
Enforced 7am – 7pm weekdays
Available in up to 2 hour increments

The NIH has implemented security measures to help ensure the safety of our patients, employees, guests and facilities. All visitors must enter through the NIH Gateway Center at Metro, the West Drive Patient entrance (patient/patient visitor only) or the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Facility (during off-hours). You will be asked to submit to a vehicle or personal inspection.

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.

**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. The inspection pass is not a "parking permit." It only grants your vehicle access to enter the campus. You can only park in designated parking areas. (See campus map)

**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.

Firearms, explosives, archery equipment, dangerous weapons, knives with blades over 2 1/2 inches, alcoholic beverages and open containers of alcohol are examples of prohibited items on the NIH campus.

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