The Children's Inn at NIH

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Important Security Update for Children's Inn at NIH Visitors: Enhanced Security Procedures Now in Effect

The National Institutes of Health has recently implemented heightened security measures for all visitors accessing NIH facilities, including the Bethesda campus where The Children's Inn is located.

What This Means for You

- All visitors entering the NIH campus are subject to inspection of their vehicle and/or person
- Additional time should be planned for entry procedures
- These security measures apply to all campus access points

Before Your Visit

We strongly encourage all visitors to review NIH Resources for Patients and Visitors, which provides:

- Updated guidelines for visitors
- A comprehensive FAQ addressing common questions
- Detailed information about campus access procedures including approved forms of identification and non-US person access

As of January 2025, all non-US persons must preregister, and US persons may preregister, with VisitNIH no less than 10 days prior to visiting NIH's Bethesda Campus.

Non-US Persons include anyone who is not a US Citizen or Permanent Resident (Green Card Holder). If anyone in your group falls into either of these categories, follow the directions below:

1. **Preregistration is initiated by Inn staff** submitting visitor email address(es)
2. An email **invitation to preregister** will be sent to the address(es) provided from nihvisitornotification@nih.gov with a secure link to the VisitNIH Preregistration Portal.
3. **Follow the directions in the portal** to complete preregistration, which includes uploading a copy of their passport and visa. Submitting a photo of these documents is allowed.

Preregistration will take about 10 minutes to complete and should be completed as soon as possible to be processed in time for your intended visit. Failure to submit the preregistration in time could put the visit at risk of being denied.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together with our partners at NIH. If you have questions about these security procedures or need assistance planning your visit, please don't hesitate to contact our staff.