

Thank you for your interest in the workshop, “**Toward a Common Research Agenda in Infection-Associated Chronic Illnesses: A Workshop to Examine Common, Overlapping Clinical and Biological Factors**”. As you prepare to attend the workshop in person at the National Academies’ Keck building ([500 Fifth St. NW, Washington DC, 20001](#); map at the end of this memo), *please note the following important information and let us know if you have any comments or questions in advance of the meeting:*

Health and Safety Considerations

For those attending in-person, this is an indoor event at the Keck Center (500 Fifth St NW, Washington, DC). We acknowledge that many of you are working hard to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and acknowledge that there may be those in attendance with infection-associated chronic illnesses, immunodeficiency, and other forms of chronic illness and disability and therefore, we are communicating the below COVID-19 considerations. Please note that this building is open to the public and there will be other meetings in-progress.

Attendees should not feel obligated to travel to participate in the meeting. We encourage remote attendance to the meeting for anyone who is not comfortable traveling to or participating in the in-person meeting. We have developed a program that is attentive to our virtual attendees and will be interactive and engaging for all. Additionally, if you are unable to attend any parts of the meeting, the meeting recordings will be made available after the meeting.

Vaccination. As of March 20, 2023, proof of COVID-19 vaccination requirements at National Academies facilities are no longer in effect. However, we encourage those eligible and for whom it is safe to do so [to be fully vaccinated](#).

Masking. The National Academies facilities are mask friendly and follow the latest [CDC guidelines on masking](#). Attendees for this meeting are encouraged to wear masks (preferably KN95, N95, or equivalent) when indoors. Free masks will be available at the meeting registration table.

Testing. We encourage you to take a test each day before entering the meeting space. If you test positive, please follow [CDC guidelines](#) and join the meeting remotely.

Room Ventilation. Meeting spaces will be equipped with air purifiers (Corsi-Rosenthal boxes).

Energy Considerations and Quiet Room. This activity provides the opportunity to discuss common overlapping features of infection-associated chronic illnesses. This activity requires computer use or travel, focus, listening to presentations, speaking or writing, and cognitive exertion. We encourage attendees to take breaks as frequently and as long as needed. A Quiet Room will be made available with low noise, low light, and air purifiers. There will be space for those attendees who wish to bring a yoga mat, blanket, picnic mat, etc. to rest.

Mobility Accessibility

This building and meeting space are accessible to accommodate wheelchairs and similar equipment. If needed, we can partner you with a volunteer to help you navigate the meeting. Please indicate your needs on the [registration form](#), and we will make arrangements to accommodate.

The National Academies' leadership is closely monitoring the evolving situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is basing their approach to National Academies' business on the current scientific evidence on COVID-19 and the best public health advice. The priority of the National Academies is the safety of our staff and our larger community of volunteers, sponsors, and members. Please be mindful that this may require unanticipated adjustments to events associated with National Academies projects.

Getting to the Keck Center (workshop location)

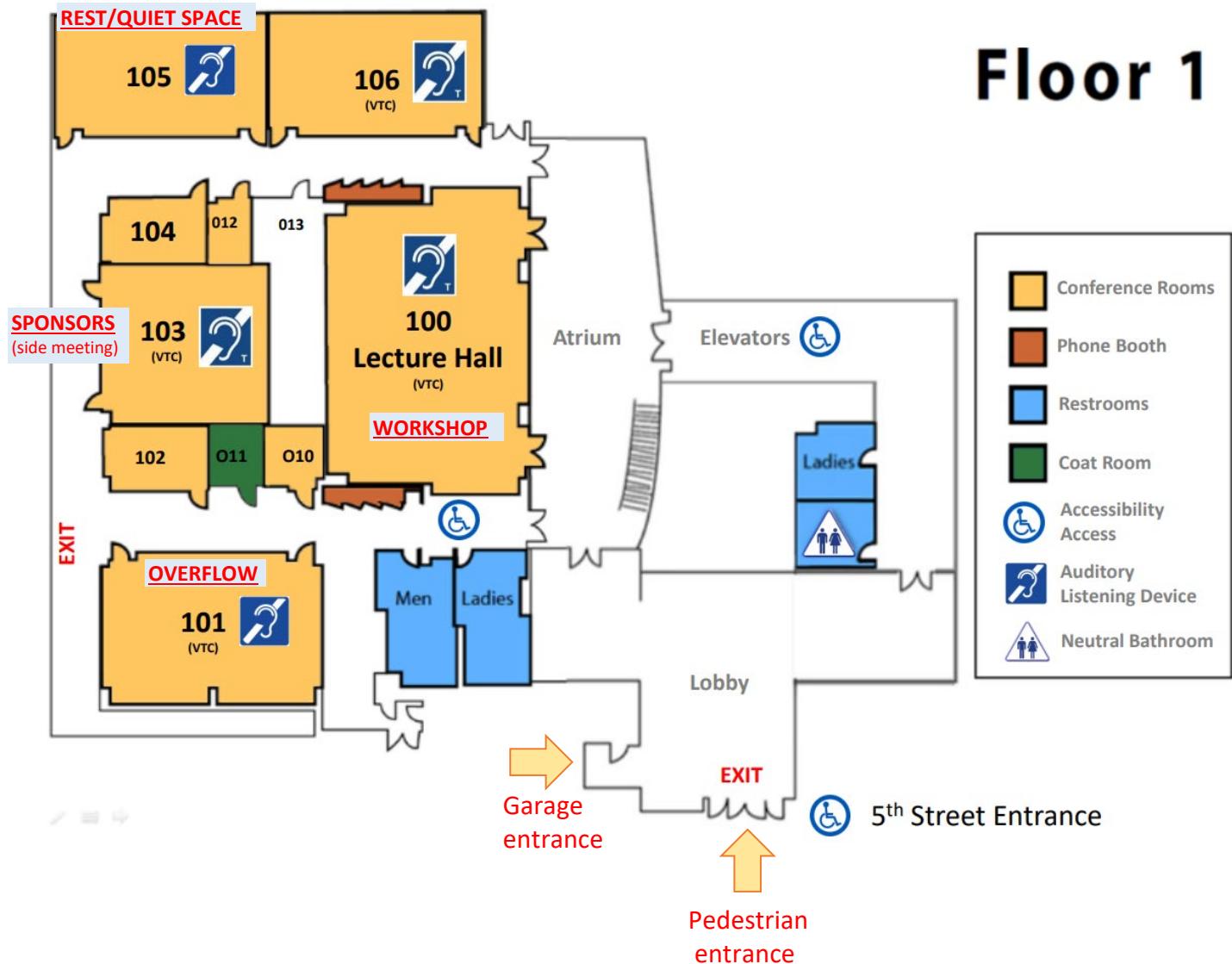
Keck Center
500 5th St NW
Washington, DC 20001

Room: Keck 100

Parking and entrance

- Driving:
 - Parking is available for meeting attendees in the visitors parking area of the Keck Center (Level P1). Enter the parking garage on 6th Street (see below map and screenshot).
 - An attendant will either meet you at the gate, or you may need to push a button to call button. State your name and say that you are there for the Forum on Microbial Threats' workshop. **You will need to show a photo ID** before being admitted to park.
 - You can park in any unmarked space on the first floor of the garage.
 - Parking is provided on a first-come basis, and overflow is directed to public parking garages.
 - There are public parking facilities close to the Keck Center: Colonial Parking at 6th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.; Diplomat at 932 F St. & E Streets, N.W.; and Carr Park at 601 F St.
- Walking:
 - Pedestrian entrance to the Keck Center is on 5th Street (see below map and screenshot).
 - **You will need to show your photo ID to the security officer upon entering the building.**
 - The workshop will be utilizing Keck 100 as the main conference room for both days. Registration, sign in, refreshments, and onsite breakfast/lunch will be located immediately outside the workshop room. See building floor plan below.

Keck Center floor plan

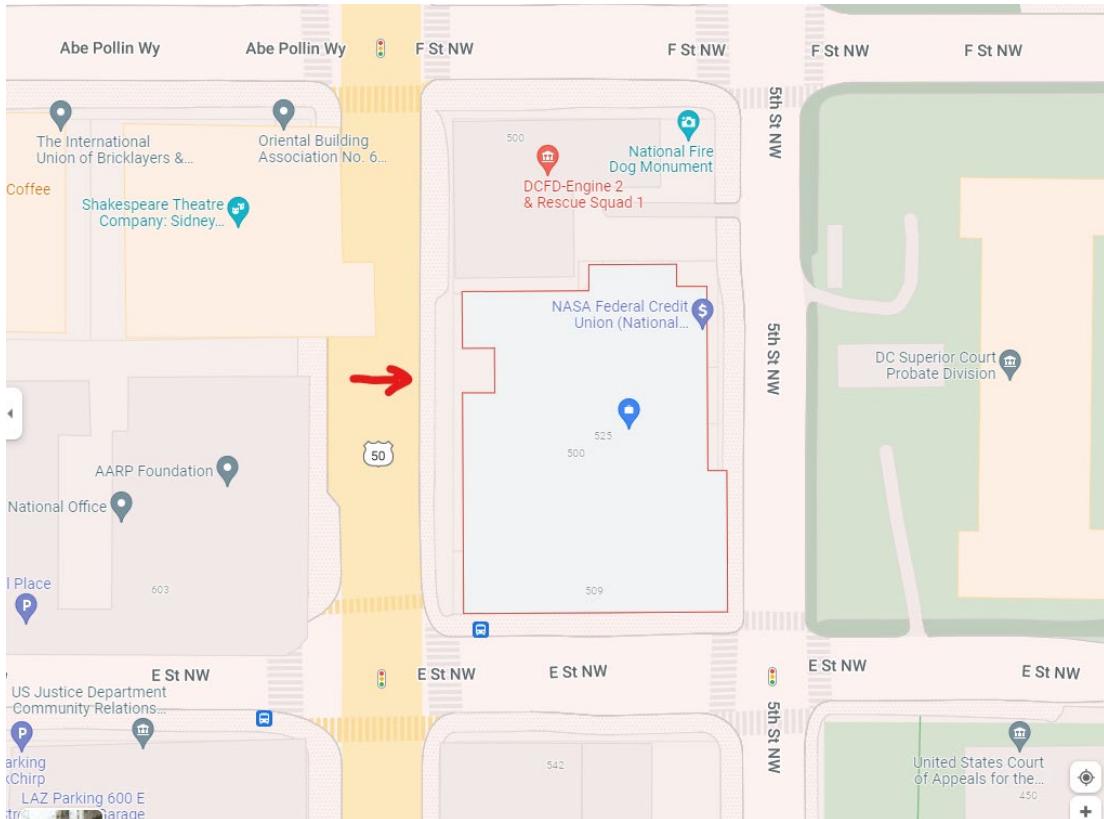


Entrance to parking garage on 6th Street

NOTE: you need to stop and check in at the security booth on the right



Map showing Keck Center parking entrance location



Pedestrian entrance on 5th Street

NOTE: this is the only pedestrian entrance (despite the inconvenient construction on the next block). There is no pedestrian entrance on 6th Street where the garage is.



Directions

By Car from [Reagan National Airport](#)

- Exit the airport George Washington Memorial Pkwy. NORTH.
- Exit to Memorial Bridge.
- Bear to the left after crossing Memorial Bridge, passing the Lincoln Memorial, which will be on your right.
- Take second LEFT onto Henry Bacon Dr. N.W. You must turn left at this point as your route will be blocked by Jersey walls.
- Turn RIGHT at the traffic light onto Constitution Ave. N.W.
- Turn LEFT onto Sixth Street, NW
- Cross E St. N.W. and look to your RIGHT for the parking entrance.
- Visitors parking is on the first level of the garage, P1

By Car from [Dulles International Airport](#)

- Exit the airport to Airport Access Rd. EAST.
- Follow until Access Road merges with I-66 EAST.
- Follow I-66 EAST across the Roosevelt Bridge into Washington, D.C. After the bridge, I-66 becomes Rte. 50 EAST/Constitution Ave. N.W.
- Turn LEFT onto Sixth St. N.W.
- Cross E St. N.W. and look to your RIGHT for the parking entrance.
- Visitors parking is on the first level of the garage, P1

By Metro's Green or Yellow Line

- Take Metro's Green or Yellow Line to the Gallery Place-Chinatown station.
- Exit the station by following signs to Seventh and F Streets/Arena.
- Turn LEFT and walk EAST on F St. N.W., two blocks past the Verizon Center.
- Turn RIGHT on to Fifth St. N.W.
- Walk past the fire station parking lot. The next building on your RIGHT will be 500 Fifth St. N.W.



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By Metro's Red Line

- Take Metro's Red Line to the Judiciary Square station.
- Exit the station by following signs to the Building Museum (F St.) exit, between Fourth and Fifth Sts. N.W.
- Turn LEFT and walk WEST on F St. N.W.
- Cross Fifth St. N.W. and turn LEFT.
- Walk past the fire station parking lot. The next building on your RIGHT will be 500 Fifth St. N.W.

Other resources:

- Metro System Map: <https://washington.org/sites/default/files/ckeditor-images/metro-updated-map-2017.jpg>