

Conference Access Guide
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Introduction

It is with great excitement that we hope to welcome you to the SEM 2026 Annual Meeting. This year's meeting will be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

This access guide aims to answer some of the commonly asked access questions about this year's conference, as well as shouldering some of the burden of preparation for traveling to a new locale. While we recognize that this guide will not be able to account for nor solve all access barriers, we hope it shall be a critical step toward more inclusive music societies.

The guide is designed in a question and answer format, built on the answers to a survey sent out prior to the 2021 Society for Ethnomusicology conference. It is divided into relevant topics, based on question type, and the guide is hyperlinked to allow for ease of reference. Suggestions for future questions to add to this guide may be sent to ewroberts@uchicago.edu or entered into [this google form](#).

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Arriving in Bloomington, Indiana

Will remote presence be possible?

Yes, this will be a primarily in-person event with components of hybrid participation. Presenters who are unable to travel will be able to give their presentation virtually. Attendees will be able to view an online feed of conference presentations and submit questions to presenters via chat. When you submit your proposal, you will indicate whether you will present in person or virtually. Note that all presentations will be live-streamed to registered online attendees, but presentations will not be recorded for later viewing without panelists' consent. The annual business meeting will be streamed for all registered attendees. Social events will likely not be streamed. Pricing for in-person and hybrid attendance TBA.

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Are there environmental factors, such as heavy pollution, that participants should be aware of?

No, but there are periodic moderate spikes in levels of PM2.5 which can be monitored here: [Bloomington - Binfor Air Quality Index \(AQI\) and Bloomington Air Pollution | IQAir](#). (Data provided by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.)

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Is there accessible public transit? How does the city define “accessible”? What access is available? Are there limited stops available?

Bloomington Transit:
Access Manager Contact Info:

BPTC
BT Access Manager
130 W Grimes Ln
Bloomington, IN 47403
(812) 336-7433
customer@bloomingtontransit.com

Policies – Bloomington Transit:

“Information on how to use our services is available in accessible formats upon request including large print, audio cassette, or compact disk. Please contact us at (812) 336-7433 to obtain accessible information.

Bloomington Transit operates its programs, services, and facilities with regard to accessibility in compliance with The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).” There are 2 wheelchair areas at the front/lower level of each city bus, drivers are trained to ensure wheelchair users are secure in these areas. There is a motorized ramp available at the front entrance to the bus which the driver can lower on request for entry and exit from the bus. There is also an air-adjustable suspension system which enables the driver to lower the bus to the curb. There is a second level to each bus with additional seating which requires traversing stairs to access.

Note that wait times between buses can be between 15-30 minutes or up to 45 minutes-1 hour for certain routes. Additionally, the city buses do not run past 10PM (with final buses departing prior to 10PM).

See this website for more information on planning your trip, transfers, and fare: [How to Ride – Bloomington Transit.](#)

In addition to the Bloomington Transit fleet, there is a specific BT Access line available for passengers for whom Bloomington Transit is not accessible.

Visitors to Bloomington must apply in advance for BTaccess paratransit eligibility. Find applications and full information here: [BT Access – Bloomington Transit.](#)

“Customers may book their rides with the “BloomingtonLink” mobile app ([Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#)), at Book.BLink.RideCo.com or by contacting BT Customer Service (812-336-7433 and choose option 3).”

Trips must be scheduled at least 1 day prior to your planned travel, and you are encouraged to schedule your trip earlier, up to 14 days in advance.

In emergency, same day trips are offered based on availability with 2 hour pick-up windows and a limit of 2 trips per day.

There is a 30 minute pick-up window (15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time) which riders must be ready to board anytime within.

BT Access trips are \$2 per ride, Personal Care Attendants may ride free with you.

The BT Access serves all areas w/in the Bloomington incorporated area.

Van hours are:

M-F 6AM-11:59PM

Sat. 7:30 AM-9:30 PM

Sun. 8:30 AM- 7:30 PM

Regarding available services and application procedures, their website notes:

“You may call Bloomington Transit at 812-336-RIDE (7433) and request that an application be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to you. Other accessible formats are available (tape, e-mail, compact disk).

BTaccess drivers may pick you up and drop you off at your curbside. If you need assistance between the vehicle and the building or origin or destination, the driver will assist you upon request. For safety and security reasons, drivers may not enter your home, apartment building or place of business.

Verification of your eligibility by a medical doctor licensed to practice in the state of Indiana may be necessary. Applicants may be required to be interviewed in person at our offices. Free transportation to the interview can be arranged if needed.”

BT Access notes these stipulations for visitors to Bloomington:

“Visitors who have ADA paratransit eligibility with another transit system will be provided BTaccess service. The Customer Service Manager shall verify the visitor’s eligibility by giving full faith and credit to the ID card or other documentation provided by the visitor from another transit system.

For visitors whose disability is apparent and who do not present an ID card or other documentation from another transit system, BPTC will request documentation of the visitor’s place of residence. Upon presentation of such documentation, BPTC shall provide BTaccess service to the visitor on the basis of the visitor’s statement that he or she is unable to use the fixed route transit system.

For visitors whose disability is not apparent and who do not present an ID card or other documentation from another transit system, BPTC shall request documentation of disability, such as a letter from a medical professional or eligibility for other services based on determination of disability. Upon presentation of such documentation, BPTC shall provide BTaccess service to the visitor on the basis of the visitor's statement that he or she is unable to use the fixed route transit system.

BTaccess service for visitors will be provided for any combination of 21 days during a 365-day period beginning with the visitor's first use of the service."

Late Night Service and Discounts:

[BT Late Nite on Demand – Bloomington Transit](#)

BT Late Nite services are available from 9PM-11:59PM, M-F as well as discount vouchers for rideshare services such as Uber and Lyft for trips within the BT service area.

Discount codes are updated weekly, visit [BT Late Nite on Demand – Bloomington Transit](#) for details.

Note: "If you require a wheelchair-accessible vehicle or you do not own a smartphone, you may call BT Dispatch at 812-336-7433 to schedule a ride during this time [9PM-11:59PM, M-F]."

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Is there accessible public transport specifically from the airport to the location?

GO Express shuttles are the most reliable and least expensive mode of transport between the airport and conference venue. You can expect to pay around \$33 for a one way shuttle ticket. The GO Express shuttle makes a convenient stop (both for drop-off and pick-up) directly at the conference venue. Shuttle tickets should be reserved in advance. GO Express requires minimum 48 hour notice for access arrangements. Their website specifies:

"GO Express Travel is dedicated to providing accessible transportation for all passengers. If you require ADA accommodations, we kindly ask that you contact us at least 48 hours prior to your scheduled transportation to request

special arrangements. Requests can be made online or by calling our reservation department at **812-534-9821** or toll free at **888-424-2610**.”
[Accessibility Statement - GO Express Travel](#)

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

**Is there accessible private transit to and from the airport?
How much should I expect to pay for this service?**

Ubers and lyfts are readily available for transit from IND to the conference venue, and rides can be reserved in advance. Uber rides from the IND airport to the conference venue are approximately 1 hour long, and you can expect to pay around \$75-\$100 dollars (it is recommended to allot a 20% tip for your driver on top of this amount) for this trip.

Note: Neither Uber or lyft provide WAV specific services in Indianapolis or Bloomington.

[How to get from Indianapolis International Airport \(IND\) to Bloomington, IN | Uber](#)

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Staying in Bloomington

Will the location have a connected hotel?

Yes, the location is connected to the Biddle Hotel. See more extensive information in following sections of this guide for detailed access information for the Biddle.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Besides the venue hotel, where is the closest accessible lodging? How far away is it? How will participants move between locations?

Accessible Travel: Bloomington, Indiana, United States

Other hotels available to book under the SEM block rate are the **Hilton Garden Inn** (\$149/night plus tax) and the **Hyatt Place** (\$129/night plus tax). Both are located centrally in the heart of downtown Bloomington with proximate bus stops and the central downtown bus station nearby: the Hilton is .3 miles from the downtown transit center and the Hyatt is .2 miles away from the downtown transit center. The Hilton is 1.1 miles away from the conference venue, and the Hyatt is 1.2 miles away from the venue. These locations (.2 miles away from each other) are within close walking distance on paved sidewalks to food and grocery options. The GoExpress shuttle to and from the IND airport makes a direct stop at the Hilton. Contact hotel staff directly to reserve accessible rooms at these hotels under the SEM special conference rate.

Hotels with no block rate but which are more proximate to the conference venue include the **Graduate Hotel**, which also features as a direct stop on the GoExpress airport shuttle. The Graduate is 1 mile away from the conference venue and .4 miles away from the Sample Gates campus bus stop (#9) which travels directly to the IMU. The Graduate is surrounded by food options downtown but is further from grocery options. The **Home2Suites by Hilton Bloomington** is also featured as a direct stop on the GoExpress airport shuttle.

The Home2Suites is 1.7 miles away from the conference venue and would require rideshare services to access the conference venue or food locations.

Note that sidewalks run to the Sample Gates entrance to campus, but the sidewalks which run through downtown have multiple points which are cracked, uneven, or which transition between pavement to uneven and loose bricks. Further, the campus bus line which runs directly to the IMU (the 9) does not run a route downtown or through the downtown transit center, so rideshare services would likely be the quickest and most reliable form of transit to and from the conference site and the above locations.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Staying at the Biddle

What accessibility measures has the venue hotel taken?
How have they implemented ADA standards?

Accessible Mobility and Accessible Hearing room descriptions can be found at the link below:

[Hotel Rooms Bloomington Indiana | IU Biddle Hotel](#)

See the below link for some initial accessibility info regarding building entrances and main conference spaces, including photographs of entrances; details regarding most access features of the most proximate restrooms to main conference room; and approximate step count estimates between the Tree Suites conference rooms and entrances/exits. The linked page was compiled by separate conference organizers for a previous conference held at the IMU/Biddle. NOTE: Not all tabs on this page will be relevant or accurate for the SEM 2026 Annual Meeting. Please refer to the SEM 2026 Conference Access Guide for full relevant information regarding contacts for access needs, registration, etc. :

[Accessibility: Spring Conference: Professional Development Opportunities: Bloomington Academic Advising Council: Indiana University](#)

The IMU/Biddle also provides this basic overview of accessible entrances, parking information, and elevator info for the conference space:

[Accessibility: Indiana Memorial Union: Indiana University Bloomington](#)

Notes:

-The Student Involvement Tower (Main Level to 7th Floor) – west end of the IMU should not be taken beyond Floor 2. The main layout of the IMU consists of levels: L (Lobby), M (Main Floor), 1, and 2. The Student Involvement Tower Elevator traverses levels L-2 but goes to higher floor levels which connect to a separate tower entirely from the IMU/Biddle.

-The IU Biddle Hotel (Lobby Level to 6th floor) elevators are smaller in size. As noted in a previous conference guide (linked above): “The hotel in the Indiana Memorial Union has a level entrance with an automatic door next to the

revolving door. The route to the lobby elevators is level tile. These elevators are very small, though, and turning a wheelchair around may be difficult to impossible. A scooter user would occupy most of the elevator.” There *are* larger service/maintenance elevators which are unmarked on public building plans which can be used instead of the smaller lobby elevators.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Can the venue accommodate special requests for guests staying at the venue?

Yes, the conference venue can accommodate many special requests for guests. Contact Brandi Clark (Director of Sales, IU Hospitality) directly with special requests at blc3@iu.edu. Requests can be made once at the hotel, but it is recommended to contact Brandi and SEM staff members as early as is feasible to ensure that the venue is sufficiently able to respond to and fulfill special requests.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Is there luggage assistance available for guests staying in the hotel?

There is no formal luggage assistance or doormen at the Biddle. But I’ve been advised that front desk staff should be able to help with luggage as needed. Without advance notice, you may need to leave your bags with the taxi driver and enter the lobby to request assistance. It is recommended to contact either the front desk or desk services in advance to alert them of your arrival time and anticipated need for assistance. Their contacts are listed below:

Biddle Hotel Front Desk: 812-855-1245

Biddle Hotel Guest Services: 812-856-6381

It is also recommended to contact Brandi Clark (Director of Sales, IU Hospitality) directly with special requests at blc3@iu.edu.

Note: As mentioned above, there is a level tile surface in the lobby of the Biddle.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Is the Biddle service dog friendly?

The Biddle is accustomed to working with service dogs. Not all staff are trained regarding ADA guidelines on service dogs, but the space (both in the Biddle and IMU) is highly trafficked by students with service dogs on a regular basis. If you encounter any difficulties, Building managers are ADA trained regarding service dogs and should be contacted. Please contact either Kurt Dunbar (Assistant Director, Meeting and Event Services) at kudunbar@iu.edu (located also in IMU M005 Meeting Room Services on the Main Level right by the Tree Suites meeting rooms) or Hotel Manager Sean Hanlon at sehanlon@iu.edu. The Biddle/IMU has nearby grassy areas (like Dunn Meadow which is connected to the IMU/Biddle at multiple exit points via a paved walking path) which can be used as service dog relief areas.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

How many wheelchair accessible rooms are available?

There are 15 single accessible rooms and 5 doubles available. All mobility accessible rooms are supposed to be hearing accessible as well, but please confirm directly with hotel staff when booking to ensure access needs are met.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

How many non-smoking rooms are available?

All rooms at the Biddle Hotel are non-smoking rooms.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

How many Deaf-accessible rooms are available?

There are dedicated Deaf-accessible rooms available at the Biddle. All mobility accessible rooms are also supposed to be equipped to be Deaf-accessible, again, please check directly with hotel staff when booking to ensure this is the

case as the mobility accessible rooms and hearing accessible rooms appear separately on online booking forms.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Is there a special process to reserve an accessible room?

Contact Brandi Clark (Director of Sales, IU Hospitality) directly at blc3@iu.edu to reserve an accessible room using the conference group rate. Accessible rooms will be reserved for the conference block, but it is recommended to contact Brandi directly to ensure all accessible room needs are met. There will not be any upcharge for reserving accessible rooms.

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Is the front door accessible, or is there a separate accessible door?

The lobby is fully accessible. Please refer to this previously compiled guidance regarding lobby entry accessibility, linked here:

[Accessibility: Spring Conference: Professional Development Opportunities: Bloomington Academic Advising Council: Indiana University](#)

The Biddle lobby is the only entrance in the building with 24/7 access which doesn't require a key card.

Note: If not checking-in to or staying in the Biddle, the Whittenberger entrance provides an entrance which is less congested with student body traffic, has more direct ramp access, and more spacious elevator access (compared to the smaller lobby elevators) into, out of, and through the building to the Tree Suites on the Main level which are the main conference space. You may find this entrance to be more practically accessible for frequent use to and from the main conference areas though note that this entrance might be slightly more circuitous for an uber/taxi driver to locate, but it is still fully accessible to rideshare vehicles.

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Access to the Indiana Memorial Union (IMU)/Biddle Conference Area

General questions

Has the venue had any kind of disability awareness training?

Building managers are familiar with ADA policies, but hotel staff and some IMU employees may be less familiar with these policies.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

What is the walking terrain around the venue like?

There are paved sidewalk paths in good shape circling the venue, leading through campus and through the Dunn Meadow Area towards downtown. These sidewalks transition to brick in the Sample Gates area of campus. Past the Sample Gates area, which opens into downtown Bloomington and off-campus, the condition of both the brick and paved sidewalks is in greater disarray, this is especially true of the more narrow side streets flanking the central route through downtown. For instance, there are rows of restaurants along 4th street, but the sidewalks and buildings some of the restaurants are housed in are older and there are patches of disrepair. You may also find these sidestreets to be more convenient for transit as they tend to be less crowded with student foot-traffic. Street crossing points along these side streets can be rugged with divots as well. When snowy, there is very poor snow clearing in Bloomington and these streets can be extremely difficult to traverse with slick/wet/icy/slushy/hard snow piles. This is especially true for bus stops in the event of significant snow fall. In the event of severe snowy weather (which is fortunately unlikely at the time of our conference), I recommend traveling primarily by car/rideshare.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Is there any storage available for guests not staying in the building?

Likely not, but please contact Brandi Clark at blc3@iu.edu for special requests.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Arriving at the Conference

What door should guests enter for the conference?

Interactive Campus Map available at the following link: [IU Bloomington: Campus Maps: Indiana University](#)

Note, the Interactive Campus Map can be ineffective. Link to static and interactive map images follow: [Maps & Floor Plans: Capital Planning & Facilities: Indiana University](#)

(Maps can be viewed on the above linked page and pdfs of the static maps are available to download.)

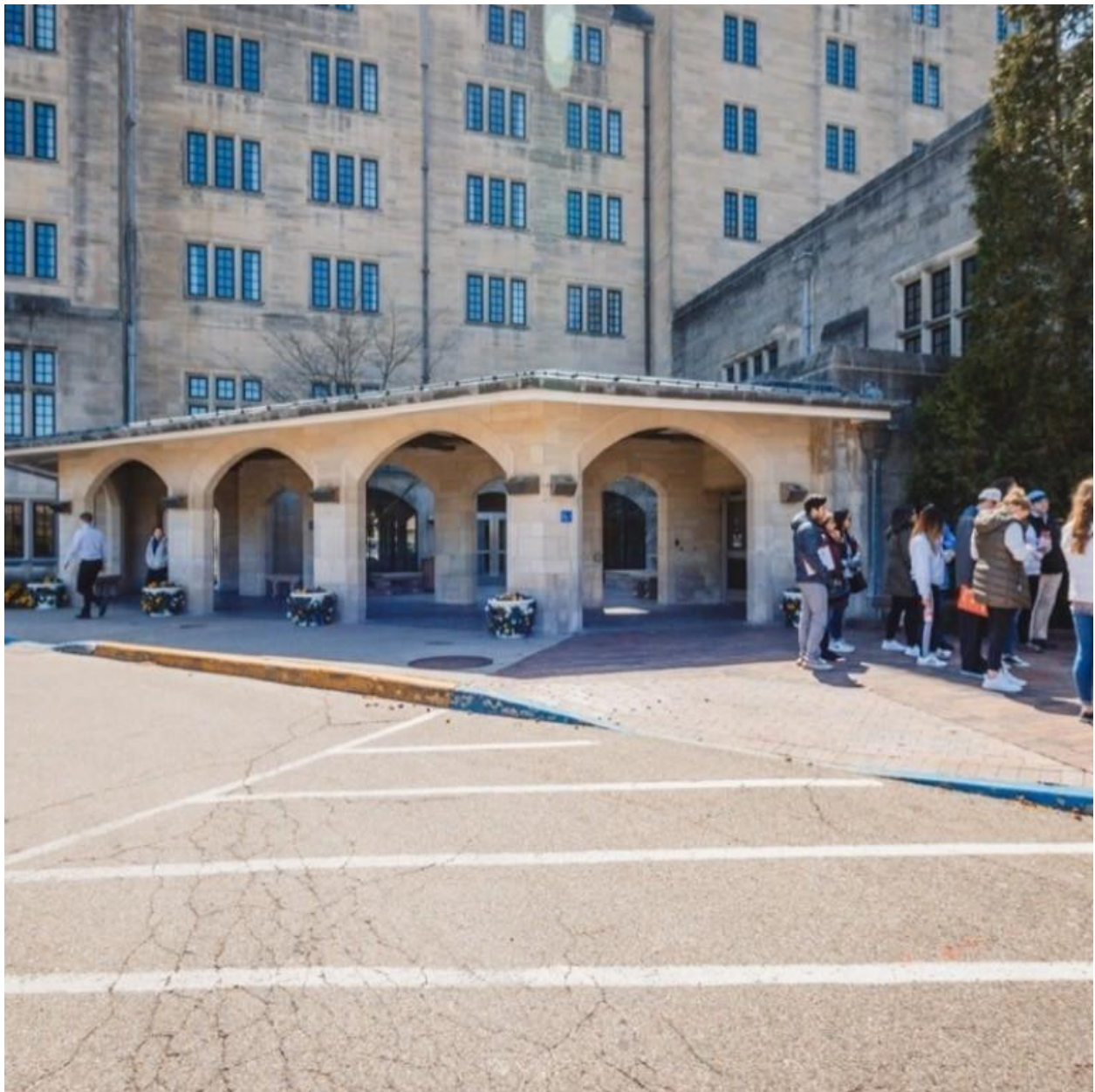
Note that the following data is quoted directly from the following link: [Accessibility: Spring Conference: Professional Development Opportunities: Bloomington Academic Advising Council: Indiana University](#)

As discussed in other sections of this guide, different entrances may be preferable based on different needs. The IMU/Biddle Lobby entrance is accessible and open 24/7 without keycard access, but the nearest elevators in the lobby are narrow and power-wheelchair users may not have enough space to turn around in the elevator or to travel with a second person in the elevator. The Whittenberger Entrance by contrast is less crowded and leads via ramp to more spacious elevators but is (on its surface) a less direct route to the conference rooms in the tree suites. The Alumni Hall entrance is the furthest entrance from the conference rooms and is likely the least useful entrance (except when seeking to avoid outdoor weather conditions and looking for the closest entrance back into the building when returning from downtown Bloomington, or conversely when traveling towards downtown and seeking to extend presence indoors for as much of transit as possible.) Both Whittenberger

and Alumni Hall entrances should be unlocked during all normal conference hours, but will be locked overnight (from around 10:30pm to 6/7am).

IMU/Biddle Hotel Lobby Entrance:

“IMU Dropoff: It should be 50 steps or less to enter the building and walk to the elevator. The sidewalk has curb cuts from the parking lot to the hotel lobby entrance. There you'll find two doors: one revolving, one automated. The wall switch for the automated door is about one meter above the ground.



IMU Whittenberger Auditorium Entrance: “Along with the accessible entrance found at the IMU hotel lobby, there are two additional accessible entrances (both with automated doors) on the south side of the building. The first image below is the Whittenberger Auditorium entrance, and the wall switches for its automated door are about one meter above the ground.”



IMU Alumni Hall Entrance:

“The image below is the Alumni Hall entrance. It has vertical actuation bars that may be triggered by a wheelchair footrest. This entrance is also on the First Floor.”



If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Where is the closest accessible parking to the door guests should enter? How far away is it? Are there accessible walkways from the parking to the entrance?

“If you are driving yourself and need accessible parking, it is available in the pay lot to the east of the Indiana Memorial Union, as well as in the lots to the south of the Indiana Memorial Union. Be aware that in the lots to the south of the Indiana Memorial Union, there are metered accessible parking spots for visitors. The other accessible parking spots on this side of the building require an Indiana University parking permit, even if you already have a state-issued disability parking placard.”

Data quoted from: [Accessibility: Spring Conference: Professional Development Opportunities: Bloomington Academic Advising Council: Indiana University](#)

See further info provided by IU on accessible parking on campus at the following link:

[Accessibility: Indiana Memorial Union: Indiana University Bloomington](#)

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Will all accessible doors be unlocked from both directions for the entire conference? Will they be locked at certain hours? (Some accessible doors are locked from the outside, and require assistance to enter)

An accessible entrance to the Biddle lobby will be unlocked from both directions for the entire conference. No keycard is required for this entrance at any time. During all normal conference hours other accessible entrances should also be unlocked. Building security begin unlocking other doors before 7am and begin locking them around 10/11pm.

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

How does a person in a wheelchair enter the venue/hotel building if arriving by taxi? By car? On public transport?

Please refer to previous entries on front-door lobby access points. The central taxi drop-off point is the Biddle lobby, likewise the GoExpress Airport Shuttle also stops directly at the lobby entrance.

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

How much walking is required to get between the nearest disabled parking space, the lobby, guest rooms, meeting rooms, nearest restrooms and lunch location? What is the wheelchair route between these locations? What is the terrain? Are elevators centrally located?

Please reference the floor plans inserted here. Note that confirmation of full list of rooms is TBD but that the Tree Suites on the Main Level will be the primary sites for conference presentation. The Tree Suites include the Oak, Walnut, Maple, Poplar, Redbud, Sassafras, Persimmon, and Dogwood Rooms. There are multiple food options located within the conference venue and on Main Level which houses the Tree Suites as well as on other floors of the same building. [Please contact SEM Office Staff Members or Brandi Clark at blc3@iu.edu directly for a pdf of these floor plans. Pdfs are also directly available publicly via google search.]

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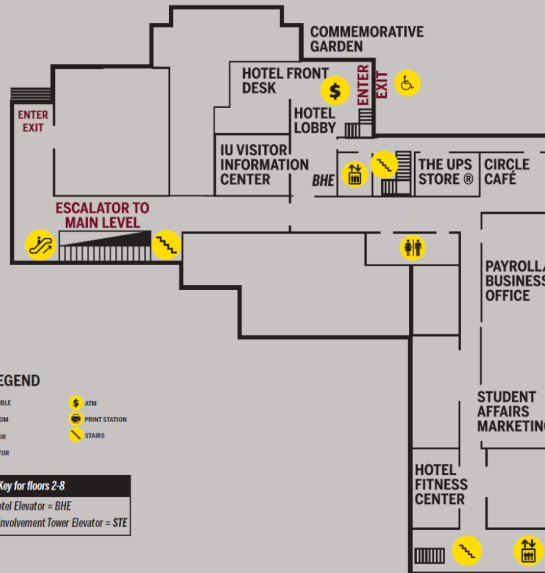
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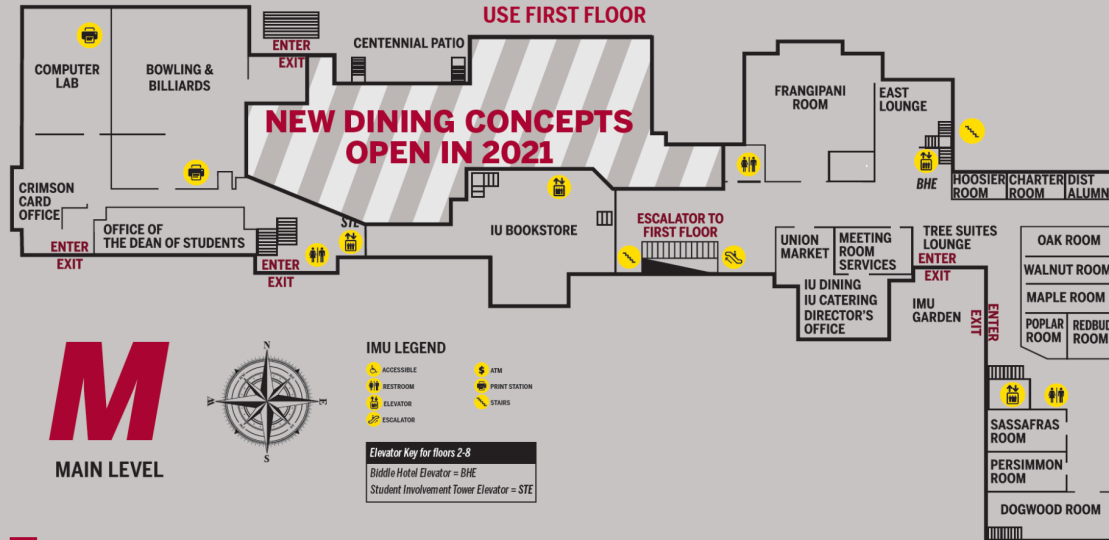
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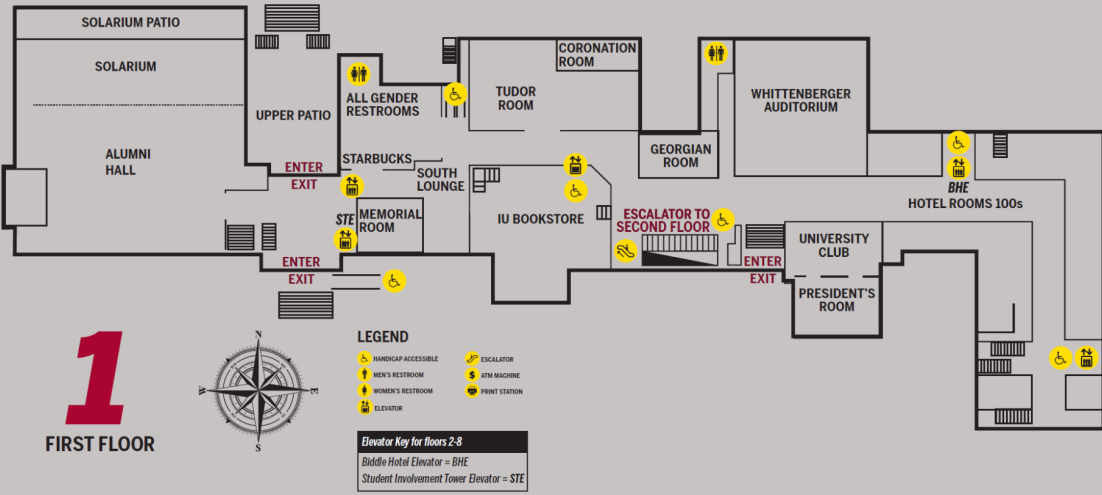
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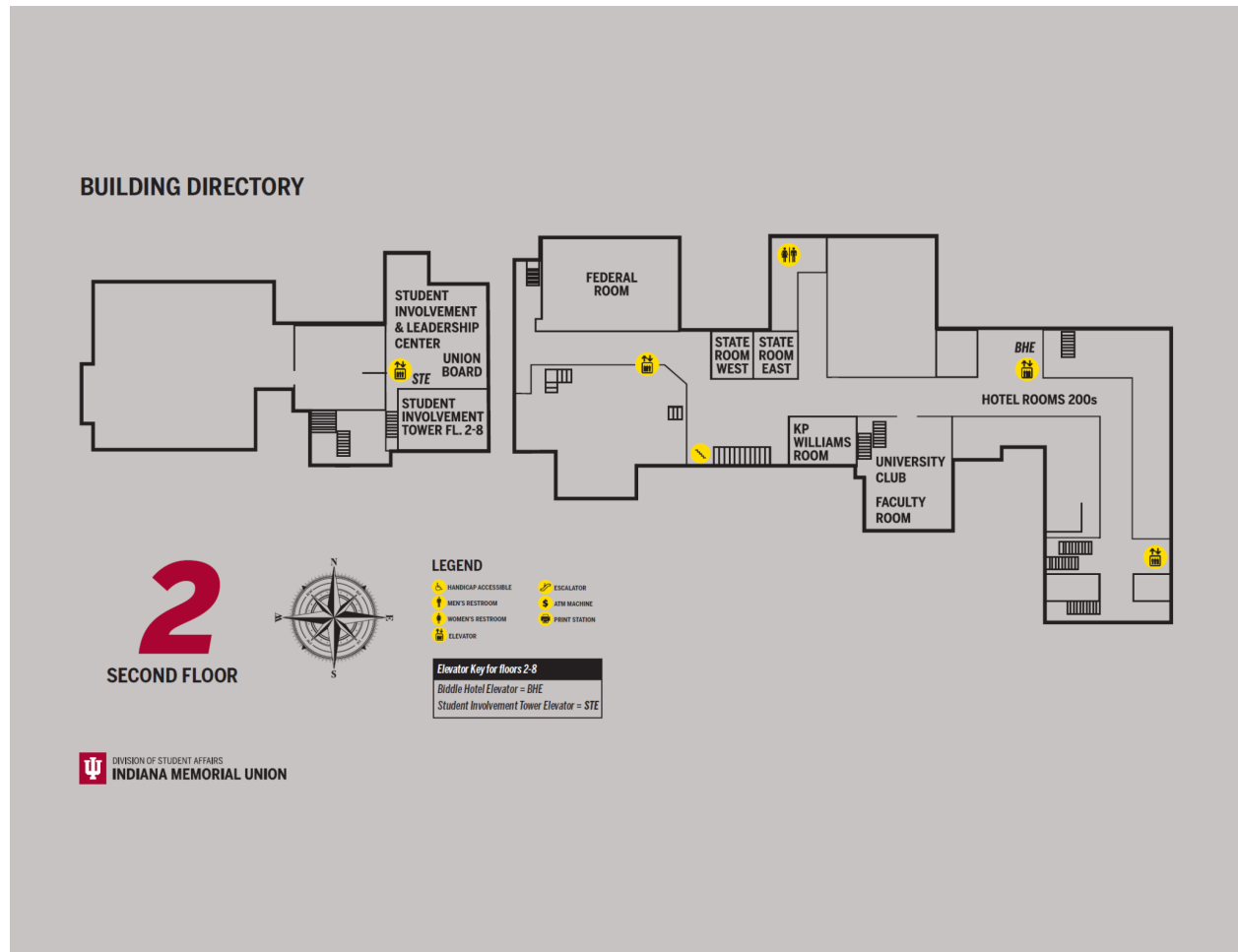
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Full Answer TBA

Moving within the Conference

What is the layout of the space? (Floor plan would be ideal)

See Floorplan attached above.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Will the conference be held on multiple floors?

ANSWER TBA

Where are the ADA entrances and elevators? Is there braille signage?

See floorplan attached above. Braille signage is present outside and inside elevators.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

How many elevators are there?

There are 4 main elevators:

- Student Involvement Tower (Main Level to 7th Floor) – west end of the IMU [Note: Do not take this elevator beyond the 2nd Floor as it leads to a separate tower from the IMU and beyond the conference venue.]
- IU Biddle Hotel (Lobby Level to 6th floor) – two main hotel elevators from hotel lobby to all floors of the hotel
- IU Biddle Hotel/Tree Suites (Lobby Level to 5th Floor) – additional elevator in the east wing of the IU Biddle Hotel and Tree Suite meeting rooms
- The Vault Pub elevator (lobby level to main level to access the Vault Pub only)

Please see attached floor plan above for detail.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Are there any required stairs? If so, to which spaces?

ANSWER TBA

How wide are the walkways between conference rooms?
Will walkways between rooms be kept clear, or will they have tables/signage/etc?

ANSWER TBA; Walkways will be kept clear.

What is the maximum distance between two session rooms?

ANSWER TBA

How much time will be given between sessions?

ANSWER TBA

In the standard set-up of the space, will there be enough space at the back of the room for mobility aids to navigate?

ANSWER TBA

Will there be reserved disabled seating in the conference rooms? Will these be at the edge or back of the rooms?

ANSWER TBA

What types of chairs will be used? Do they have arms? Are they padded? (A picture of the chairs would be ideal)

ANSWER TBA

Will there be seating available in non-presentation spaces (such as hallways and party events)

ANSWER TBA

Is there a quiet room? If so, will it be locked at any point?
Are there any access issues for this space?

Data quoted directly from IMU website:

Interfaith Prayer and Reflection Space

Second Floor

Whether you're passing through campus and want to collect yourself before class, or you need to attend to spiritual concerns in a safe environment, the IMU's new Interfaith Prayer and Reflection Space serves as a quiet, inclusive area where all Hoosiers can safely and individually address their personal needs. Located in the K.P. Williams Room on the second floor, the Interfaith Space is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily!

[Note: The bathrooms directly outside the Interfaith Prayer and Reflection Space are equipped with foot-washing stations not available in other bathrooms in the building.]

Wellness Room for Lactating Parents (M055A)

[NB: NOT ALL-GENDER ACCESSIBLE]

Main Level

A private, lockable lactation room is available through the women's restroom on the main level, between Sugar & Spice and the Frangipani Room.

Room Location: Separate room located inside the women's restroom (M055A), between Sugar & Spice and the Frangipani Room

How to Access: A code or key is not needed

Directions: Enter the IMU through the hotel entrance that is located off 7th street. Turn left when you enter through the revolving door and go up the stairs or use the elevator to go to the main level. Turn left at the top of the stairs or when exiting the elevator and turn right to go down the hallway. The bathroom with the lactation room will be up the hallway to the right. When the floor changes, the restroom is right there. The lactation room is straight ahead, after entering the restroom.

[Wellness Rooms for Lactating Parents: Maternal Health & Lactation Support: Work + Life: Healthy IU: Indiana University](#)
[Services: Activities & Services: Indiana Memorial Union: Indiana University Bloomington](#)

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Restrooms

Where are the accessible bathrooms? How accessible are they? Are all bathrooms accessible?

There are all-gender, accessible restrooms adjacent to the Tree Suite conference area on the Main Level. The following data is quoted directly from this link, [Accessibility: Spring Conference: Professional Development Opportunities: Bloomington Academic Advising Council: Indiana University](#): “There are accessible restrooms on the Main Level near the Tree Suites. These restrooms each have an accessible stall with grab rails and lowered soap and towel dispensers which should be able to be reached from a wheelchair or power scooter.”

Note that there are mobility accessible stalls in all multi-stall bathrooms, but that the path to these stalls inside the multi-stall bathrooms can be narrow and difficult to move through especially when there are un-used stall doors hanging open and high foot-traffic crowding the space. In this way, though they may have individual accessible bathroom stalls within multi-stall bathrooms, some of these bathrooms are designed with a narrow layout overall which can be a barrier to access. Bathrooms off the main hallways are frequently less-crowded.

Further detail of all accessible bathrooms in the IMU TBA

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Where are the gender-inclusive restrooms?

Map of all-gender restrooms on the IU Campus compiled by the IUB Queer Student Union can be found at the following links:

[All-Gender Restrooms: Queer Life at IU: LGBTQ+ Culture Center: Indiana University Bloomington](#)

[All-Gender Restrooms at IUB - Google My Maps](#)

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Interactive Campus Map Linked Here: [IU Bloomington: Campus Maps: Indiana University](#)

Further All-gender restrooms in the IMU are listed here:

-M088J

-194

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-889

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Are there service dog relief areas nearby? If so, where?
What is the route to reach this space?

Yes, the Dunn Meadow area directly adjacent to the IMU can be accessed via paved sidewalk and ramp most directly via the Biddle lobby entrance/exit. This entrance/exit is also the only entrance which is open 24/7 without requiring keycard access.

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Accessible Food Options

What food services are available in the building? What dietary restrictions can they serve? Are they ADA accessible?

See complete list of food services in the IMU linked here: [Restaurants: Indiana Memorial Union: Indiana University Bloomington](#). Order ahead menus are available for many of the available restaurants in the IMU via grubhub (links within the above webpage). Vegetarian, vegan, and “gluten-friendly” options are marked as available. Most of these food services range from \$10-\$20. Note that the Vault Pub is *not* considered accessible as it requires stairs for entry and exit with no other way in or out.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

What food services are available in walking distance of the Biddle? What dietary restrictions can they serve? Are they ADA accessible?

Food services within the Biddle/IMU are the closest food services within walking distances. For distances ranging around .3 miles, there are many restaurants clustered just past the Sample Gates entrance to campus such as The Runcible Spoon (not wheelchair accessible), the Bloomington Bagel Company, Dagwood’s Sandwich Co., Bubbalouies at the Gables, Lennie’s, etc. Restaurants line the streets all the way down to the center of downtown (around .6 miles from the IMU). There is a dedicated 100% gluten free restaurant, Brightside Cafe, located inside Fountain Square Mall, which serves hearty sandwiches, soups, brunch items, baked goods, coffee, and tea. Yalla, located on campus in the Godfrey Cafe, is a certified kosher and halal food option as well ([Campus Cafes: Locations: IU Dining: Indiana University](#)).

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Can delivery services drop off food? If so, what options for postmates, ubereats, grubhub, etc are there? What address should be used for delivery?

Yes, delivery services can drop off food and drivers are allowed past the reception desk. The lobby entrance would likely be the easiest address to give drivers to meet for food if not staying in a specific hotel room in the Biddle. Doordash, UberEats, and grubhub are all available in Bloomington.

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

What reminders about food allergies have party planners been given? Will any parties be serving top 8 allergens?

ANSWER TBA

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Where can I purchase groceries that fit my dietary needs? (Allergens, gluten free, kosher/halal, etc)

Bloomingfoods West
Little Italy Market
Kroger-Downtown

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

What budget-friendly food options are available?

\$15 and under:

Little Italy Market
Z & C Teriyaki
Bloomington Bagel Co.
Doner Kebab Food Truck
Raising Cane's
Rush Hour Station

Runcible Spoon
Anyetsang's Little Tibet
Fat Dan's
Village Deli
Gable's Bagels
Nick's *
Mother Bear's
Sushi Bar
Ami
Sunny Poke Bowl
Qdoba
Chipotle
Bloomingfoods
Noodles
Dagwood's
Potbellies
Chow Bar
Btown Gyros
Trojan Horse
Jimmy John's

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Social Activities and Safety

Is it safe to walk around this area at night? Safe for some?

This area is relatively safe to walk around at night, especially on weekends when downtown is more heavily trafficked by students. As a resident of Bloomington who relies on public transit and walking as a primary mode of transit, I recommend walking with 1-2 people if traveling late at night (post 10pm). It is not recommended to walk after dark through wooded areas (some footpaths on the campus run through canopied tree terrain, but there are always more direct routes which avoid this terrain). If walking through the campus itself at night especially near wooded areas, I also recommend walking with others as the campus becomes sparsely populated and lighting along walking paths (including security lights) can often be spaced far enough apart that the lighting is dim.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Are there child friendly spaces at the venue?

ANSWER TBA

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Will there be accessible transit to off-site locations where social events are being held?

ANSWER TBA

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Will there be chairs at onsite social events?

ANSWER TBA

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Will flashing light notices be offered at social events?

ANSWER TBA

Awaiting answer; if you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Outside of the venue, where are accessible and LGBTQIA+ friendly social spaces?

The Back Door (Bar and Dancing Venue, NOTE: Outdoor patio with food truck is accessible but inner venue requires several steps to enter and is not accessible)

Atlas Ballroom (Bar)

The Bishop Bar (And music venue)

Redbud Bookstore

Morgenstern's Cafe and Bookstore

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Emergency Services

Where is the nearest hospital?

[IU Health Bloomington Hospital | IU Health](#)

IU Health Bloomington Hospital

2651 E Discovery Parkway, Bloomington, IN, 47408

Phone (General Inquiries): 812-353-5252

Hospital Map (pdf): [IU-Health-Bloomington-Maps.pdf](#)

Where is the nearest pharmacy?

CVS Pharmacy (Downtown)

121 East Kirkwood Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana

Phone: 812-349-0384

[Bloomington, IN | Williams Bros Pharmacy](#)

Williams Bros Pharmacy

Note:

Williams Bros. Health Care Pharmacy is able to make compound medicines on-site, and is the only pharmacy in Bloomington which is able to do so.

Offers prescription delivery to residence with advance enrollment: [Enrollment |](#)

[Williams Bros Pharmacy](#)

574 S Landmark Ave., Bloomington, IN, 47403

Phone: 812-335-0000

Toll Free: 800-216-7072

Text: 812:289-6436

IMU Pharmacy Vending Machine

Located on the basement level of the IMU.

Provides common over-the-counter medications and personal care products.

[Vending Machines: Pharmacy: Medical: Student Health Center: Indiana University Bloomington](#)

Where are local emergency doctors/urgent care?

[IU Health Bloomington Hospital | IU Health](#)

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Phone (General Inquiries): 812-353-5252

Hospital Map (pdf): [IU-Health-Bloomington-Maps.pdf](#)

Urgent Care:

IU Health Urgent Care-Bloomington

[IU Health Urgent Care - Bloomington | IU Health](#)

326 S Woodscrest Dr, Bloomington, IN 47401

Phone: [\(812\) 353-6888](#)

Fax: 812-918-5907

IU Health Urgent Care-Bloomington West

[IU Health Urgent Care - Bloomington West | IU Health](#)

482 S. Liberty Dr.

Bloomington, IN 47403

Phone: 812-353-3443

Fax: 812-353-3442

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Where can I find wheelchair repair/rental services?

[Mobility Aids Lending Library \(MALL\) - Free wheelchairs, canes, walkers & more in Bloomington, IN](#)

Mobility Aids Lending Library

Note: MALL is a local disabled-run organization providing free mobility aids and medical equipment.

Text: 317-759-1278

EIN: 93-3567005

Email: mallbloomington@gmail.com

Request Form: [Request a Mobility Aid - Mobility Aids Lending Library \(MALL\)](#)

[BLOOMINGTON IN-LINCARE](#)

Bloomington IN-Lincare
2160 Yost Avenue, Bloomington, IN, 47403
812-339-5579

BLOOMINGTON ES-CONVACARE

Bloomington ES-Convacare (secondary Lincare location)
2599 W Fountain Drive, Bloomington, IN, 47404
Phone: 812-323-2170

Anderson's Medical Products
1787 W 3rd St, Bloomington, IN, 47404
812-339-1555
(Note: Website not up-to-date.)

Where can I purchase medical supplies?

Bloomington, IN | Williams Bros Pharmacy
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574 S Landmark Ave., Bloomington, IN, 47403
Phone: 812-335-0000
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Where can I access a physiotherapist?

ATI Physical Therapy

ATI Physical Therapy | 2488 S Walnut St, Bloomington, IN

Bloomington - S Walnut St Location

2488 S Walnut St

Bloomington, IN 47401

Phone: (812) 287-8044

Fax: (812) 650-3178

Athletico Physical Therapy

Physical Therapy Bloomington, IN - Athletico Bloomington East

Bloomington East Location

1155 S. College Mall Rd., Suite A

Bloomington, IN 47401

Athletico Physical Therapy

Physical Therapy Bloomington, IN - Athletico Bloomington West

Bloomington West Location

533 S. Landmark Ave., Ste. A

Bloomington, IN, 47403

Phone: 812-668-1880

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Where are the closest dialysis clinics?

DaVita Hoosier Hills Dialysis:

143 S Kingston Dr, Bloomington, IN 47408-6342

Reference Number: 2450

Phone: 1-800-424-6589

Fax: 8123331945

DaVita

Fresenius Kidney Care Bloomington (also known as Bloomington Monroe)

575 S Patterson Dr, Bloomington, IN 47403

Center Phone: 1-812-333-5600

Help Line: 1-800-881-5101

Center Fax: 1-812-333-0500

National Provider Identifier (NPI): 1497860241

Dialysis Center Bloomington, Indiana | Fresenius Kidney Care

Where are emergency veterinarian clinics?

NOTE: The nearest 24 Animal Hospital is located in Indianapolis around 1+ hour away.

Noah's Animal Hospital

24-Hour Emergency Vet & Hospital | Noah's Central Indianapolis

5510 Millersville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46226

Phone: (317) 253-1327

[Note: There are multiple Noah's Vet locations in the Indianapolis Area, the address and info above is specifically for the 24-Hour Emergency Vet Hospital.]

Emergency and Urgent Pet Care | VetCheck Urgent Care Center | VetCheck Pet Urgent Care Center - Bloomington in Bloomington, IN

VetCheck Pet Urgent Care Center

3251 West 3rd Street, Bloomington, IN 47404

Phone: 812-302-2232

Email: reception.vetcheckbloomington@gmail.com

Note: Emergency Services, NOT open 24/7, but they do have extended hours. In the case of true emergency, I recommend calling VetCheck Urgent Care and asking if they recommend going straight to a 24/7 Animal Hospital in Indianapolis (like Noah's 24-Hour Emergency Vet) rather than stopping in at Urgent Care.

Note: Emergency Phone Advice Only

Emergencies | College Mall Veterinary Hospital

College Mall Veterinary Hospital

4517 E Morningside Dr, Bloomington, IN, 47408

Phone Number (Regular Business Hours and Emergency After-Hours):

812-334-1400

Fax: 812-334-1092

Note: Non-Emergency

Bloomington Veterinary Hospital - Veterinarian in Bloomington, IN

Bloomington Veterinary Hospital

115 N Smith Rd, Bloomington, IN, 47408

Phone: 812-339-6115

Emergency Procedures

ANSWER TBA

Contact Information for Access Needs

Will someone be available onsite to help troubleshoot access needs?

Yes, please contact either Biddle/IMU Management staff members, Brandi Clark or Kurt Dunbar (based on the Main Level in the Meeting Rooms Services Office onsite, in direct proximity to the Tree Suites Meeting Rooms) for immediate on-site troubleshooting, and/or SEM Office Staff. I recommend looping in both an SEM Staff Member and either Brandi Clark or Kurt Dunbar simultaneously for ease of communication. SEM staff are normally roaming the conference venue, but there should always be someone at the Registration Area to contact.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)

Who should I contact to find out more about access features of the venue/hotel?

Contact Brandi Clark directly at blc3@iu.edu.

If you have information on this topic, [please let us know here!](#)