

#### Travel FAQs

### Where should I stay for Eczema Expo?

**Expo '18** is being held at the Westin Chicago River North. NEA has arranged for a discounted room rate for attendees.

If our block at the Westin is full, the Springhill Suites and Residence Inn locations below are a very short walk. While we don't have a room block at either, their rates are currently (as of 5/20) averaging \$260/night during Expo.

Springhill Suites 410 N Dearborn St, Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 644-4071

Residence Inn by Marriott Chicago Downtown/River North 410 N Dearborn St, Chicago, IL 60654 (312) 494-9301

### Why should I stay at the Westin Chicago River North?

There are dozens of reasons, but here are our top 10:

- 1. Our group rates are better than any you'll find at a comparable local hotel.
- 2. All Expo hotel guests will receive a **welcome gift bag** of custom-chosen eczema-friendly products and NEA logo items.
- 3. All rooms in our block will be allergy-friendly, cleaned and maintained with irritant-free cleansers. (Feather-free rooms are also available on request.)
- 4. Expo room guests will have access to **complimentary eczema care supplies**, including moisturizers, and bleach bath and wet wrap supplies.
- 5. All rooms have free wifi.
- 6. The Westin is directly across the river from Chicago's famous Riverwalk.
- 7. Expo hotel guests will have free access to the Sheraton's pool, just a 10 minute walk away.
- 8. Easy room access in case you need to take a nap or freshen up during Expo, and conveniently close to complimentary on-site morning yoga, meditation, and eczercise classes.

- 9. Each Expo room will include a packet featuring coupons and discounts for nearby businesses, exclusive wellness tips from Expo experts, and a local guide featuring our favorite coffee, breakfast, and dinner spots.
- 10. Your fellow Expo attendees will be staying at the Westin, too, making it easy to meet new and old friends for a walk, cup of coffee, or meal.

### When should I arrive and depart?

We recommend arriving in time for Expo '18 check-in, which starts Thursday afternoon with a mix-and-mingle, and departing after our inspiring Closing Session Sunday afternoon. Or, perhaps you'd like to extend your stay...

### How long can I stay at the Westin with the Expo rate?

Enjoy Chicago! The Westin is extending the group rate from June 16 through June 26, 2018, so stay a while!

# How do I reserve my room at the Westin with the Expo group rate?

Book online at http://go.nationaleczema.org/conf-hotel-book or call 888-627-8359, and refer to Eczema Expo. Rooms must be booked by May 30, 2018 in order to receive the group rate.

## What if I have a special request or need special accommodations?

A limited number of in-room microwaves and refrigerators are available by request on a first-come-first-served basis. Feather-free bedding is available, as well. All such requests should be submitted by no later than 5/18/18. If you'd like to supply your own linens, or if you have concerns about allergy, medical, or access issues, please notify Sarah.Mitchell@westin.com. The Westin is committed to the comfort and safety of all Expo guests and will do their very best to accommodate your requests.

### Which airport should I fly into?

Under good traffic conditions, Midway and O'Hare airports are both about a 30 minute drive from the Westin, so choose whichever has the best fare on your favorite airline!

### What's the best way to travel from the airport to the hotel? From Midway:

- A cab or rideshare will cost between \$30-50 depending on time and traffic.
- The L via the Orange Line for about \$2.50.

From O'Hare

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- A cab or rideshare will cost between \$30-50 depending on time and traffic.
- The L via the Blue line for about \$2.50.

### What is parking like at and near the Westin?

At the Westin:

- Valet with in/out privileges \$69/day
- Self-park with in/out privileges \$59/day
- Self-park with no in/out privileges \$52/day

Off-site, there are a number of nearby garages with rates in the \$20/day range, e.g. Mart Park Wells. Visit <u>iparkit.com</u> for more options.