



Dear Students and Parents,

We are looking forward to your group visit to Maine Medical Center Research Institute (MMCRI). MMCRI supports a broad spectrum of research ranging from basic laboratory-based research to patient-oriented studies. Our research questions address important problems in human disease, and seek to provide new discoveries related to human health and the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease. More information on our research programs is on our website: [www.mmcri.org](http://www.mmcri.org)

Our Scarborough facility focuses on basic biomedical research. To perform this research, we use a variety of methods and equipment, some of which are a potential source of chemical and biological hazards. Although visiting groups will not be in areas where active experiments are occurring, there are some risks inherent in visiting a biomedical research facility. Our facility is compliant with all state and federal regulations overseeing research, with programs in place to assure the safety of our employees and our visitors. Our Scarborough facility contains an accredited animal research program, and we house mice on-site. Visitors who have allergies or may be sensitive to mouse dander and fur should inform us prior to the visit. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Liz Bergst, Program Coordinator, at 207-396-8145 or via email at [bergse@mmc.org](mailto:bergse@mmc.org),

Please confirm that you have read this notice by signing below. Students who are under the age of 18 require a parent or guardian signature.

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Signature of student

Date

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Signature of parent

Date

**Photo/video release:**

*I agree that photographs or video may be taken of me during my visit to MMCRI and that these may be used in future in Maine Medical Center Research Institute literature.*

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