

Your child has an appointment for a Neuropsychological Evaluation at the Massachusetts General Hospital Learning & Emotional Assessment Program (LEAP). Please view your appointment details in the Visits section of Patient Gateway. Please note that the in-person testing appointment may last up to 5–6 hours. Directions and parking information is enclosed. If you need to cancel your appointment, please call 617-643-6010 at least 3 days in advance.

*Per the **Universal Mask Policy**, hospital-issued face masks are required in all Mass General locations, including outpatient settings. When you arrive, patients and visitors over the age of 2 will be given a procedural or surgical facemask to wear for the duration of the visit.*

MGH LEAP | 151 Merrimac St. 5th Floor

LEAP is located on the corner of Merrimac Street and Staniford Street, ~0.5 miles from the MGH Main Campus. ***There is no parking at our building.*** Please see page 2 for parking information.

FRONT DOOR INSTRUCTIONS:

The front door to our building is locked 24/7. To the right of the door, you will see a silver call box with a touch-screen pad. Press **Contacts**, then scroll down and select **LEAP Program**. This will ring to our front desk, and we will buzz you in.



PARKING AT MGH

There is no parking at our building. We recommend parking at the MGH main campus, which is 0.5 miles from 151 Merrimac Street (~15-minute walk; walk up Cambridge Street and turn left on Staniford Street). Patients may park all day for \$15 at the MGH garages – Fruit Street Garage, Parkman Street Garage, and Yawkey Garage. Valet parking is available for \$21 (reduced to \$18 for patients with valid handicap license plates or tags). For additional information regarding parking at MGH, please contact the Parking Office at 617-726-8886 or visit their website at <https://www.massgeneral.org/visit/parking-and-shuttles/parking>

MGH SHUTTLE

MGH has a free shuttle service that you can use to travel from the MGH Main Campus to 101 Merrimac Street, which is one block from our building at 151 Merrimac Street (walk towards Lancaster Street to the intersection of Merrimac Street and Staniford Street). Ask the Information Desk inside the main hospital to call the shuttle for you to 101 Merrimac Street. They will provide you with a bus number and an approximate arrival time. The shuttle operates between the hours of 8am – 5pm. Please allow 20-25 minutes for shuttle arrival.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

151 Merrimac Street is accessible from several MBTA stations.

- **North Station** (Orange Line/Green Line/Commuter Rail): 0.2 miles (~4-minute walk)
- **Haymarket Station** (Orange Line/Green Line): 0.3 miles (~7-minute walk)
- **Bowdoin Station** (Blue Line): 0.3 miles (~6-minute walk)
- **Charles/MGH Station** (Red Line): 0.5 miles (~11-minute walk)

COMMERCIAL PARKING GARAGES

Parking fees at nearby commercial garages vary vastly in prices, typically \$26 to \$32 or more for 4 hours. **We cannot validate for these parking expenses.** Please call for specific directions and hourly rates. Note that parking prices in our area increase when there is an event at TD Garden.

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| • Government Center Garage, 50 New Sudbury Street | 617-227-0385 |
| • Charles River Plaza Lot/Garage, 165 Cambridge Street | 617-742-2819 |
| • Longfellow Garage, 50-60 Staniford Street | 617-742-8025 |
| • TD Garden Garage, 140 Causeway Street | 617-624-1000 |

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

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| • The Boxer Hotel: 107 Merrimac Street, Boston | 617-624-0202 |
| • The Onyx Hotel: 155 Portland Street, Boston | 617-557-9955 |
| • Wyndham Boston Beacon Hill: 5 Blossom Street, Boston | 617-742-7630 |
| • The Liberty Hotel: 215 Charles Street, Boston | 617-224-4000 |

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the LEAP Program?

The Learning & Emotional Assessment Program (LEAP) is part of the Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Psychiatry and performs neuropsychological evaluations of children and adolescents.

What is a neuropsychological evaluation?

A neuropsychological evaluation provides information about your child's cognitive, emotional, behavioral, and social skills. During the intake session, the neuropsychologist meets with parents/guardians to discuss current concerns and developmental history. During the testing session, the neuropsychologist works one-on-one with the child administering standardized tests. Tests may assess intellectual functioning and cognitive skills, like language, memory, attention, and executive functions, through different activities like puzzles and word games (no shots or other medical procedures!). Tests may also assess academic skills, emotional, and social functioning. The feedback session happens several weeks after the testing session; the neuropsychologist will meet with parents/guardians and sometimes the child or adolescent to discuss the findings and recommendations. A written report will be provided to the parent/guardian and included in the MGH medical record.

Do you offer Educational Testing? Is there a fee?

Yes, we offer an Educational Testing service – which includes comprehensive assessment of reading, writing and math skills. Educational Testing is not covered by insurance plans, so we charge a flat fee of \$1800 for this service. You and your provider will determine if Educational Testing is necessary. This discussion will take place during the parent/guardian intake interview (typically a virtual visit) and you will decide if you want to add this service to your Neuropsychological Evaluation appointment. Payment is due at the time of service.

What should I tell my child prior to the testing session?

For young children, you might tell them that they are going to meet with a doctor to do some activities like the ones they do at school so the doctor can figure out how they learn best. For adolescents, you might tell them that they are going to meet with a doctor to do a variety of tests that will help the doctor to figure out how they learn best. It may be helpful to tell your child that they can't study for these tests and that they aren't expected to get everything right – they are only expected to try their best.

Who gets the final report? Who will see the results?

After the feedback appointment you will be given a copy of the report, which will also be posted in your child's electronic medical record here at MGH.

My insurance won't pay for testing, what should I do?

Self-pay is always an option for families. Please note that most insurance plans will not cover the cost of testing for learning disabilities. Please contact your insurance company directly if you have questions about your co-pay or deductible. Another option is to explore school sponsored testing (children are entitled to a free evaluation through their local school district) by contacting your local school district's special education department.

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What should I bring to the testing session?

- **Current Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan, if applicable.** An IEP specifies academic services and accommodations that your child receives. It is reviewed once a year and contains goals and a service delivery plan. A 504 plan specifies academic accommodations that your child receives and is also reviewed once a year. It is helpful to us to see your child's current IEP or 504 plan. This is different from the Progress Reports, which we do not need.
- **Most recent school evaluations, if applicable.** Reports may include one or more of the following: Psychological Testing, Educational Testing, Speech-Language Evaluation, Occupational Therapy Evaluation, Classroom Observation. This is applicable if your child has ever been evaluated by the public schools, and/or if they currently have an IEP.
- **All previous test reports conducted outside the school system or outside MGB, if applicable.** This is applicable if your child has ever been evaluated outside the school system or outside of the Mass General Brigham system (this could be by a psychologist, neuropsychologist, hospital clinic, speech-language therapist, or another provider).
- **Food.** It's a long day, please bring snacks and lunch for your child (there are also local options for purchasing lunch outside of our building). There is no cafeteria in the building.
- **Medication.** Unless otherwise directed by your child's neuropsychologist, your child should take medications as they always do. Call with any questions (particularly if you question whether their attention medication is helping).
- **Quiet activity.** Your child may have some free time during breaks – please bring a quiet activity for them to engage in independently (for example, a book, iPad with headphones, etc.). Parents/guardians should also bring a quiet activity as they must remain on site for patients under age 18 and will often spend significant time in the waiting room. We have free public WiFi in our waiting room.
- **Glasses/Hearing Aid.** If your child wears glasses or a corrective hearing device, please bring them.
- **Payment.** Self pays or co-payments, if applicable, will be collected at the time of your visit. Payment may be made by credit, debit, FSA, or HSA.