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Response needed asap: GFM Natl Staff Conference Update

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This email is going to everyone who signed up to attend our GFM National Staff Conference in person.

Please read the email below, then [complete this online form](#) asap. Your response is needed by Friday, 3/11.

Dear colleagues and guests.

We're so glad that you want to attend our meeting in person!

Two factors have converged to make it difficult for us to follow our covid protocols for housing and dining:

1. The conference center is very short staffed, particularly in the Dining Hall
2. Many more people registered to attend in person than we anticipated

We've done everything we can to come up with creative solutions but are still faced with:

- Not being able to social distance in the Dining Hall.
- Not having enough sleeping rooms to provide single rooms for everyone. Currently, 2/3 of our attendees need to share a room. I didn't get enough responses to my email about sharing rooms to fit everyone in the available sleeping rooms.

Here are the solutions we have:

Housing:

- Housing some people at a hotel which is a 15 minute drive from the conference center. The conference will cover the hotel cost. Transportation back and forth will be provided. Wednesday will be the only full day when those staying at the hotel won't have a place onsite to rest, unless you go back to the hotel during free time in the afternoon.

Meals:

- Attached is a photo of the Dining Hall. It is a large room with a high ceiling, though no fans. We're not able to open windows or doors during meals. Due to health department policies, we're unable to eat outside of the Dining Hall unless someone is