



HONEY BEE HEALTH COALITION

To: Honey Bee Health Coalition Members
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Subject: Logistics for the Honey Bee Health Coalition spring meeting in Traverse City, Michigan

Hello Honey Bee Health Coalition,

We are really looking forward to getting the Coalition back together for an in-person meeting! On May 10-12 we will convene in Traverse City, Michigan, for a business meeting, multiple field experiences and evening social events. Thank you to our co-hosts Tom Smith of the National Pesticide Safety Education Center and Ana Heck of Michigan State University Extension.

While we are still finalizing details, the meeting will begin on Tuesday, May 10 for an optional bus tour of orchards and fruit processing plants. We will be flexible based on which crops are blooming. We will end the day with a happy hour at a great local wine and cidery. On Wednesday we'll hold our business meeting at the NW Michigan Horticultural Research Center, where we'll meet most of the day and be able to tour their research orchards. That night we'll hold a dinner. On Thursday, May 12 we'll head out on the bus in the morning and visit Sleeping Bear Farms. This farm pollinates cherry and apple orchards locally, sends bees to almonds, and has a large honey production facility. We'll hold lunch next door at Saint Ambrose Cellars and get everyone back to the airport by 2pm.

Meeting logistics, hotel room block, and other information can be found below.

Please RSVP for the meeting ASAP – no later than April 4 – by completing the brief form at the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HBHCspring22>

Please note that this meeting is for Coalition members and invited guests. If you are not able to attend as the representative for your member organization, you may find a replacement from within your organization. Please let Keystone know if you plan to bring more than one person.

Please contact us with any questions. Thank you for all the time and effort you have spent with us working to positively impact bee health. We look forward to seeing you in May.

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MEETING LOGISTICS

MEETING LOCATION, DATES, AND TIMES

TUESDAY, MAY 10

2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. CDT

Optional orchard and processing facility tour

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. CDT

Happy Hour Reception at Left Foot Charley

Charter bus will pick up passengers at Hotel Indigo or the Traverse City airport and continue to the tour and happy hour, dropping off passengers at Hotel Indigo after the reception.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. CDT

Full Coalition meeting

NW Michigan Horticultural Research Center

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. CDT

Dinner at Bregman Brothers Winery

Meet in the Hotel Indigo lobby by 8 a.m. to board the bus to the meeting venue, NW Michigan Horticultural Research Center. The bus will be onsite to take passengers to dinner following the meeting, and to Hotel Indigo following dinner.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT

*Field tour of Sleeping Bear Farms
and lunch at St. Ambrose Cellars*

Meet in the Hotel Indigo lobby by 8:30 a.m. to board the bus to Sleeping Bear Farms. The bus will drop off passengers at the Traverse City airport by 2 p.m.

ATTIRE

Attire for the May 11th business meeting is business casual.

Attire for the field tours will be casual (please dress for being outside in May, and wear closed-toe shoes).

LODGING

Participants are responsible for booking their own hotel reservations. We have arranged a room block at a rate of \$129 per night plus tax at the following hotel:

Hotel Indigo Traverse City
263 W Grandview Parkway
Traverse City MI 49684

Visit [this booking link](#) to reserve a room at Hotel Indigo by Monday, April 11th. You can also reserve your room by contacting Roz Howe at roz@hotelintc.com and identifying yourself as part of the Honey Bee Health Coalition.

AIRPORT, DIRECTIONS, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Cherry Capital Airport (TVC) in Traverse City is ~6 miles from Hotel Indigo. Parking at the hotel costs \$15 per night.

We will provide a charter bus for transportation for the field tour that will depart Hotel Indigo at 8:30 a.m. and drop off at the airport by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday May 12.

MEALS

- Breakfast is on your own each day.
- Lunch will be provided on Wednesday May 11 and Thursday May 12.
- Dinner will be provided on Wednesday May 11.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

The meeting and events will follow all local, state, and federal mandates in addition to any protocols required by the host entities (MSU and area businesses) at the time of the event. *Please note: at the time of writing, there are no masking or distancing requirements at the meeting location.*

See you in May, and please *don't forget to RSVP* and *book your hotel room!*