



Hindu Temple of Rochester

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COVID-19 Precautions & Guidelines

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Safety Considerations and Guidelines in the context of COVID-19 (Delta Variant)

- CDC WARNS **DELTA VARIANT** AS EXTREMELY CONTAGIOUS
- UNVACCINATED PEOPLE ARE AT RISK
- VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS CAN SPREAD THE VARIANT
- **SAFETY OF COMMUNITY IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE**

Please see DO and DONOTs for Devotees / Volunteers and Temples precautionary measures to try and keep devotees and community safe.

<u>Do and Do-NOT's for Devotees / Volunteers / Employees:</u>	
Masks	Indoors: Everyone (including vaccinated individuals) must cover their mouth and nose (with mask, bandana etc.), including the Kitchen. Outdoors: Masks are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED outdoors for vaccinated and mandatory for unvaccinated individuals.
Symptoms & Travel to Hotspots	Devotees who have any COVID-19 symptoms (per CDC website) or travelled to any hotspots are requested to <u>NOT</u> visit Temple.
Social Distancing	Unvaccinated individuals (including children) should maintain minimum of 6 feet social distancing from others.
Hygiene	On entering and leaving a place of worship everyone, including staff, should wash their hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using soap and water or to use hand sanitizer.
Children visiting the Temple	It is a parent or guardian's responsibility to ensure children maintain social distancing.
Signs	Please follow the signs posted throughout the temple indicating healthy practices and COVID-19 related precautions.

Precautionary Measures & Initiatives by Temple:

Special Prayers	Our Pujariji's are offering and accepting special puja requests over the telephone.
Technology & Live Streaming	Temple will broadcast all major events / pujas on Temple Facebook Page and YouTUBE Channel. E-puja, e-Abhishekham and e-Archana options can be availed from Temple Website. Temple will use and offer virtual platform(s) for devotees to join group prayers/bhajan's remotely.
Maha Prasad / Sunday Breakfast	Maha Prasad & Sunday Breakfast served will continue to be served as ' Takeout Only '.
Reduced Touch	Charnamrut will continued to be offered in paper cups and Kumkum / Vibhuti will not be available to devotees to touch. Internal doors will be kept open to reduce touch.
Temperature Checks & illness	Random Temperature checks will be taken during large gatherings. As a precautionary measure and for everyone's safety, persons who have a temperature above recommendations and/or signs of illness will not be admitted to the facility.
Log Sheet	Log sheet for contract tracking including Vaccination status will be implemented based on Federal, State and County guidelines.
Ventilation	Few Windows will remain partially open for better cross ventilation and improved indoor air quality. Additional ventilation (Havan Kund exhaust) will be turned on during large gatherings (>100 devotees in the prayer hall).
Air filters	Temple has provisioned additional air-filters across the premises.
Entry and Exit	Per NY state guidelines, Entry to the Temple will be separate from Exit. Entrance will through the East Entrance and exit from the upstairs hall will be through the south-side stairs via downstairs hall. Please follow the signs.
Cleaning and Disinfecting	Temple will clean and disinfect surfaces frequently touched by devotes and volunteers across the facility.
Capacity	Temple will limit the number of devotees inside the Prayer hall based on the guidelines from CDC, NY State and Monroe County.
Community connection	Temple will continue keep the community informed about the upcoming events and updates via emails, social media and fliers posted at the temple.
Marriages/Banquets/ Ceremonies	Contact Executive Council for details.
Additional Links	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/protect-yourself-and-your-family-coronavirus-covid-19 https://www.monroecounty.gov/health-COVID-19