



Hindu Temple of Rochester
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Hari Om!

Dear Devotees,

As you are aware, when temple re-opened earlier in the year, we had implemented rigorous COVID-19 related precautions and guidelines aligning to CDC, NY State and Monroe County recommendations. This helped us to open temple in a safe, so that devotees, employees, volunteers and community are safe. Temple continues to follow and adapt to such changing guidelines and recommendations.

With your assistance and gods grace, the temple has been successful in keeping the devotees safe during this pandemic time by following these guidelines. There are no COVID-19 cases reported so far. The temple has successfully conducted events such as ***Brahmostavam, Saraswathi Puja, and Ganesh Chaturthi*** while maintaining the devotee's and community safety. **Executive Council would like to thank the devotees for their cooperation and support.**

This pandemic continues and the Executive Council stresses that we must continue to vigorously follow the guidelines and not lax in any way. Wearing mask all times, social distancing and washing your hands is a paramount requisite for everyone's safety. Let us together do our part and keep you, temple devotees, volunteers, community, our Pujari ji and Temple employees safe.

Please see **Page-2 & 3** of this document for Temple's precautions and guidelines which are applicable for everyone, devotees, employees, contractors, volunteers in the temple or kitchen. Please follow these and the signs posted when you visit the Temple. Together we will beat this pandemic.

Sarve Jana Sukhino Bhavanthu..!!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Executive Council 2020



COVID-19 Precautions & Guidelines

Practical considerations and recommendations in the context of COVID-19

Updated: October 8th, 2020

Face Covering	While arriving at the temple, everyone must wear a facemask (or Bandana etc. to cover mouth and nose) and continually wear it while on the temple premises.
Temperature Checks	Temperatures will be taken upon arrival to the temple for Darshan, or for any educational class. 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	Temple will maintain a log sheet of people entering the temple needed for contact tracing, if needed.
Symptoms & Travel to Hotspots	Devotees who have any COVID-19 symptoms (per CDC website) or travelled to any hotspots are requested to not visit Temple.
Social Distancing	All visitors to temple should follow minimum of 6 feet social distancing.
Hygiene	On entering and leaving a place of worship everyone, including staff, should be asked to wash their hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using soap and water or to use hand sanitizer if hand washing facilities are not available.
Cleaning	All surfaces, especially those most frequently touched, would be cleaned regularly.
Children attending the temple	It is a parent or guardian's responsibility to ensure children maintain social distancing.
Special Prayers	Our Pujariji is offering and accepting special puja requests over the telephone.
Technology & Live Streaming	Technology has been used to make services and other festival events available online. Temple is broadcasting all events on Temple Facebook Page and YouTube Channel . E-puja, e-Abhishekham and e-Archana options can



	<p>be availed from Temple Website</p> <p>Temple is using a remote and virtual meeting platform(s) for teleconference facilities for meetings or group prayers/bhajan's.</p>
Ventilation	<p>The temple ensures the ventilation systems properly and provide acceptable indoor air quality.</p>
Air filters	<p>Temple has provisioned additional Air filters across the premises.</p>
Signs	<p>Signs are posted throughout the temple indicating healthy practices and COVID-19 related precautions. Please follow them at all times.</p>
Entry and Exit	<p>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.</p>
Cleaning and Disinfecting	<p>The temple will clean and disinfect commonly used facility areas and restrooms.</p>
Gatherings	<p>The temple is following COVID-19 guidelines as advised from time to time and limit the number of devotees inside the temple.</p>
Community connection	<p>Temple will continue keep the community informed about the upcoming events and updates via emails, social media and fliers posted at the temple.</p>
Marriage Guidance	<p>Contact Executive Council for details.</p>
Ceremonial Guidance	<p>Contact Executive Council for details.</p>
Additional Links	<p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html</p> <p>https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/protect-yourself-and-your-family-coronavirus-covid-19</p> <p>https://www.monroecounty.gov/health-COVID-19</p>