



COVID-19 Precautions & Guidelines

Practical Safety Considerations and Recommendations in the context of COVID-19

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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.
Prasad & Mahaprasad	Outside Prasad will be NOT be allowed in Temple payer hall upstairs.
Offerings	Fruits and milk and other types of offerings will NOT be permitted at this time.
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 be availed from Temple Website



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	Temple is using a remote and virtual meeting platform(s) for teleconference facilities for meetings or group prayers/bhajan's.
Ventilation	The temple ensures the ventilation systems properly and provide acceptable indoor air quality.
Air filters	Temple has provisioned additional Air filters across the premises.
Signs	Signs are posted throughout the temple indicating healthy practices and COVID-19 related precautions. Please follow them at all times.
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	The temple will clean and disinfect commonly used facility areas and restrooms.
Gatherings	The temple is following COVID-19 guidelines as advised from time to time and limit the number of devotees inside the temple.
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.
Marriage Guidance	Contact Executive Council for details.
Ceremonial Guidance	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