

Shantiniketan Temple will be resuming in-temple satsangs (530pm – 630pm) starting June 14th.

Please read the following guidelines carefully and follow them strictly.

Shantiniketan Temple COVID-19 Guidelines

1. The temple will operate at a capacity in which social distancing of 6 feet can be maintained. Only **40** people are allowed at the temple at one time.
2. **CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED AT TEMPLE.**
3. All devotees **NEED TO WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES.** No one is allowed to enter into the temple without wearing a mask. **BRING YOUR OWN MASK** as they will not be available at the temple.
4. **STOP THE SPREAD.** Do not visit the temple if you have been sick or have had a fever. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
5. Hand sanitizer must be used before entering and when exiting the temple.
6. Please follow the signs posted inside the temple. Darshan to all the deities is allowed only in one direction.
7. All devotees need to maintain social distancing of 6 ft at all times inside the temple.
8. **Items Not Allowed** into the temple – Cooked food, any perishable food item, milk, yogurt, honey, butter and ghee.
9. **Items Allowed** into the temple- Only whole fruits (apples, oranges, bananas, etc) and untampered, pre-packaged, 'factory sealed' food items are allowed for Prasad. Flowers are allowed.
10. India Heritage Society will provide all the necessary items required for pujas if you sponsor the satsang.
11. Only Satsang sponsors will be permitted to perform aarti. (one aarti per family and no passing of the aarti). If there is no sponsor, Sharmaji will be doing aarti. After aarti is performed, it will be placed in the front of the temple so that visitors can take aarti by themselves and keep social distancing.
12. Singing bhajans- Satsang sponsors will be permitted to sing bhajans or appoint 2 people to sing on their behalf. There will be **no passing of the microphone.**
13. Bhajan Books will be available upon request only and cannot be shared.

14. Please contact Sharmaji if you would like a certain puja performed at the temple with social distancing.
15. All puja and satsang sponsors are encouraged to pay online at **roanoketemple.org** ahead of time before arriving to the temple. Cash donations and aarti money can be placed directly in the donation box.
16. No one is allowed to enter the kitchen, community hall, office or storage rooms.

Members of seva samiti will be available to guide visitors and enforce the above guidelines to keep everyone safe and healthy. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Board and Seva Samiti
India Heritage Society

Please call Rajeshri Patel at 540-314-4182 if you would like to sponsor any satsangs.

You can email seva@roanoketemple.org with any questions or suggestions.