



SAFE RE-OPENING GUIDELINES FOR LEADERS

We are reopening temples in different parts of the world. It is our responsibility and duty to continuously protect ourselves and other devotees during the current times. It is important that we remain vigilant in our efforts to protect devotees and congregation members from Covid-19.

Our humble request to you is that you please review this guide and encourage devotees and congregation members to follow the recommended guidelines.

Srila Prabhupada said, "Your love for me will be shown by how you co-operate with one another." We are in this together and let's imbibe the Power of Cooperation.

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ENFORCE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING (IN YOUR LOVING KRISHNA CONSCIOUS ATTITUDE):

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

No person should be allowed onto the temple premises without a mask.

Everyone must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before allowing entry.

Provide sanitisers (alcohol content >70%) at entry point of the temple.

Apply social distancing floor markings, spaced 2m (6ft) apart.

No more guests or devotees should be allowed in an area where social distancing floor markings are fully occupied.

Provide sufficient Sanitisers for use at different locations (non-hazardous) in the temple premises.

Clean and disinfect shared objects and spaces like doorknobs, bathrooms several times daily depending on the traffic. (Keep doors open where possible).

Control the use and sanitising of microphones and instruments

Communicate desired behaviour in person, documentation, social media and by signage.

Do not allow any prasadam from outside.

Inspect and sanitise bhoga or goods supplied.

Discourage social gatherings on the temple premises.

Discourage physical meetings between resident devotees and visitors.



HOW SHOULD WE BEHAVE?

Always wear a mask on the temple premises including whilst leading kirtan.

Cooperate with screening staff.

Sanitise hands before entering the temple.

Observe social distancing of 2m (6ft) with no physical contact even when there are no demarcations.

Do not enter areas where social distancing floor markings are fully occupied.

Sanitise hands frequently & after touching your face or any surface.

Be mindful of touching surfaces. Sanitise soon thereafter.

Disinfect microphone/stand and musical instruments before and after every use.

Do not offer obeisances (dandavats) on the floor. Offer pranams while standing.

Do not bring any prasadam into temple premises.

Hand in bhoga at the dedicated collection point or at reception.

Refrain from social gatherings in the temple premises.

Refrain entering temple resident quarters

Prasadam items like flowers, water and lamps should not be passed around.

Masks and gloves should always be worn during the preparation and distribution of prasadam.

KIRTAN IS A HIGHER RISK ACTIVITY IN TERMS OF RESPIRATORY DROPLET TRANSMISSION. THE ESSENTIALS IN THIS CASE ARE:

- Mask to be worn while singing.
- Increase physical distancing to 2.5m (8ft).
- Proper ventilation (open windows, turn-on fans, no air conditioning, etc).
- Limit kirtan for the duration of the arati
- Kirtan should only be led by devotees approved by the local temple authorities.
- It is preferable to hold open-air kirtans.

Comply with all government guidelines.



SCREENING CAUTION:

Check if any visitor is coming from a household with someone who had COVID-19 symptoms; or who have recently returned from overseas or out of state travel to areas of significant COVID-19 spread.

Isolate any resident or senior visiting devotee returning from high risk areas or international destinations, to the temple residence, is mandatory. This should follow a 14 day isolation. Only after receiving a negative COVID-19 test result will you or the person be allowed into other areas of the temple and to associate with devotees.

General Caution
Keep sanitisers and disinfectants away from fire