



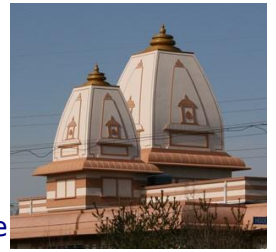
Durga Temple

(A Tax-Exempt Non-Profit Organization)

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Dear Congregation Members,

We highly value the health and safety of our temple staff, volunteers, and congregation. Due to the rapid outbreak of the coronavirus, the Durga Temple management team in consultation with the staff and active volunteer members have decided on adjusting the following activities, effective immediately until further notice:

- Balgokul classes.....**suspended** until further notice.
- TJ classes.....**suspended** until further notice.
- Mere Apne events.....**suspended** until further notice.
- Yoga classes.....**suspended** until further notice.
- Bhandara.....**suspended** until further notice.
- All large events.....**suspended** until further notice.
- All Special Pujas.....**suspended** until further notice.
- Hall Rentals.....**suspended** until further notice.
- Holi Mela.....**postponed** until further notice.
- Raas Garba.....**cancelled**.
- Kavi Sammelan.....**cancelled**.
- We will honor hall rental cancellations without any penalty upon request.
- Please visit our website for any last minute updates.

The following safety and preventative regulations will also be effective immediately until further notice:

- Please **FOLLOW** the temple guidelines strictly.
- If you have a **FEVER** or **FLU-like** symptoms, please **DO NOT ENTER** the temple. Seek medical care **IMMEDIATELY**.
- Everyone **MUST WASH HANDS WITH SOAP** (scrub for 25 seconds) in the lobby sink upon **ENTERING** the temple.

- **VISITORS: NO ENTRY AND EXIT THROUGH THE BASEMENT.**
- Please **DO NOT TOUCH** the Deities.
- **NO THEERTHA AND PRASAD** will be distributed by the priests.
- **NO MOLLY** will be tied by the Priests.
- Devotees are requested **NOT TO BRING** homemade Prasad to offer
- **DO NOT DISTRIBUTE and/or leave** any food on the table at Temple
- **WASH ALL FRUIT** with warm water **BEFORE** entering the Temple (preferred offerings are **bananas** and **oranges**).
- Avoid close contact – **USE NAMASTE AS A GREETING (DO NOT SHAKE HANDS)**.
- **TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION** to keep space between yourself and others.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth, and face.
- **WEAR SOCKS. DO NOT WALK BAREFOOT** in the Temple.
- **COVER YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH** with a tissue or flexed elbow while sneezing or coughing.
- **THROW AWAY** used paper napkins/tissues immediately and rewash hands.
- **IMMEDIATELY** wash hands with soap (scrub for 25 seconds) after bathroom use.
- **AVOID SPITTING IN PUBLIC** (Including trash cans and the parking lot).

We will continue to monitor the outbreak and provide updates on future mandir activities when warranted. Durga Temple Management reserves the right to change the addressed measures based on updated information.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to keep the Durga Temple environment safe.

Mahendra Chudasama
President – Executive Board

For more information and updates on Coronavirus, use the following links:

- <https://www.cdc.gov>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-factsheet.pdf>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-h.pdf>