



SRI SAIBABA TEMPLE SOCIETY OF OHIO

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Guidelines for re-opening the temple amid covid-19 resurgence

Sairam Devotees:

Based on request of society membership and feedback, Sri Saibaba Temple Society of OHIO (SSBTS) has decided to open the temple effective from **Saturday December 5, 2020** with weekday hours and additional conditions.

Please read the following information, which emphasizes some important points to help everyone stay focused on safety for themselves as well as the larger community.

**** Temple hours (until further notice) ****

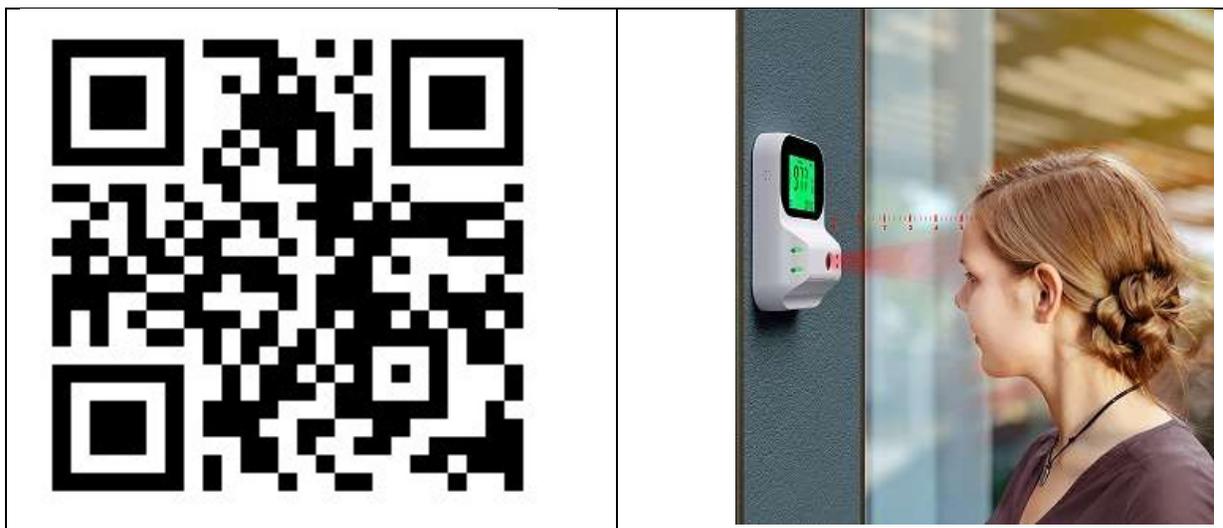
MON- SUN 9:00am to 12:30pm & 6:00pm to 9:00 pm

*Devotees must complete darshan and **leave the Temple premises within 5 minutes** and multiple visits are discouraged during the same day.
After darshan please leave immediately (No standing in Lobby area)*

Mandatory entry form and temperature check is required to enter the sanctum hall:

1. Complete the mandatory google form by using
 - the QR code OR
 - the URL <https://tinyurl.com/yxlh34qh> OR
 - the temple computer that we have in the lobby.
2. Check the temperature using the thermometer installed in the lobby.

QR Code: (QR code of the google form is posted outside and inside the temple)





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It's mandatory for all the Devotees wear a **Face MASK**



Sanitize/Wash your hands before entering the Sanctum Hall and do not touch anything inside the temple

Devotees are expected to complete their visit and prayers and leave the Temple Sanctum hall within 5 minutes. Devotees are requested not to sit inside the sanctum hall.

Guidelines:

High risk category devotee as defined by COVID-19 guidelines are encouraged to stay at Home

- **If you have the symptoms of cough, fever, or shortness of breath, please stay home and take rest.**
- International travelers: If you have recently traveled on an international flight, please wait for at least 7 days before coming to the Temple.
- Please do self-health check before visiting the temple (such as temperature/fever check, if its equal to or higher than 99° F, please stay home and take rest)
- **It is mandatory to wear facial mask to cover nose and mouth before entering temple premises. Without masks, devotees are not allowed to enter the temple. Temple is not supplying masks for the devotees.**
- Immediately upon arriving to the Temple, devotees need to use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol (supplied at temple)
Or wash their hands carefully with soap and water at least 20 seconds.
- Due to cold weather, coat room is available for devotees to place their shoes but encouraged to wear the coat during darshan.
- Temple management installed Infrared thermometers near sanctum hall entrance door, devotees must check temperature themselves before entering sanctum hall. Please proceed to sanctum hall if your temperature below 99° F



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- Devotee must provide their name, mailing address, contact number and their email address using the google form URL <https://tinyurl.com/yxlh34qh>. This is critical for contact tracing and emergency purposes.
- Devotees are expected to complete their visit and prayers and leave the sanctum hall within 5 minutes (all times, including Aarthis). Devotees are requested not to sit inside the sanctum hall.
- Devotees not allowed to do sashtanga namaskaram as we spray chemicals for the disinfection.
- At any given time, no more than 6 devotees will be allowed inside the sanctum hall (to address the state mandatory guidelines of less than 10 people congregation rule). Please practice social distancing (6 feet spacing) inside the sanctum hall.
- At any given time, not more than 4 people will be allowed outside of the sanctum hall (Lobby area)
- **Devotees are not allowed to touch anything inside sanctum hall.**
- No Teertha prasadam and Chadhari blessings offered to devotees.
- Both Dwarakamayi (meditation room) and Dhuni room are closed for devotees.
- Kitchen is not accessible to the devotees.
- Devotees are not allowed to bring or serve any prasadam from home, fruits and flowers.
- We will have a staff in the front desk, to take contactless payment requests such as donations or pooja services.
- Multiple visits during the same day is discouraged.

Temple will have help to maintain cleanliness inside the sanctum hall and outside. We request devotees to follow the guidelines during their temple visit and no exceptions allowed.

SSBTS management gives utmost importance to health of society members, staff and volunteers.

Even with these comprehensive measures in place, given the rapid progression of this pandemic threat, temple management can revise the guidelines at any time and if necessary close the temple with short/no notice.

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) has advised that certain groups of people may be at higher risk from Coronavirus.

This includes:

- people over 60 years of age
- people with underlying conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, or lung conditions. Please consult with your doctor for guidance on attending public gatherings or visit this link for more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html>

May the blessings of Sri Sai Baba be always with you and your family. Om Sairam.