



Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Devasthanam

(Vedic Education and Devotional Academy)

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COVID-19 Health Safety Alert from Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Temple, Milpitas

Please read entire message.

Dear Devotees:

As you are aware, WHO has declared Corona Virus (COVID19) as a pandemic. US Federal Government, CDC and Santa Clara county Health Department have issued strict guidance to people to protect themselves from Virus infection while also following guidelines to ensure the safety of the community.

In accordance with these guidelines and keeping the best interests of the Bay area community, VEDA (Sri Satyanarayana Swamy Temple, Milpitas) is proactively implementing the following changes to our Temple operations, effective immediately and until March 30, 2020.

VEDA REQUESTS ALL DEVOTEES TO **NOT VISIT THE TEMPLE** UNTIL MARCH 30th, or until further notice to be decided in accordance with prevailing County and CDC directives.

Live Streaming will be arranged for all Abhishekams and Temple events including Ugadi / Gudi Padwa (March 24th), and in the best interest of the community, devotees are requested to participate **ONLY** remotely from the safety of their homes, via Live Streaming services.

Corona Virus Nirmoolana Santhi will be conducted on March 15th and devotees can register online and provide their names and gothranamas (registration forms will be online on temple website), and priests will conduct services in their names.

మనుచీ మహామారి ఇత్యాది వ్యాధుల నివారణార్థం జరుగుతున్న శాంతి కార్యక్రమం విన్నంత మాత్రానీ పునీతులమౌతాం. తప్పక లైవ్ స్ట్రీమింగ్ ద్వారా విని తరించండి.

Devotees will also be to register online and **ONLY** remotely participate in Ugadi (Telugu New Year day) celebrations on March 24th. Live streaming arrangements will be made to ensure devotees can remotely participate in the puja, from their homes. Panchanga Sravanam and Kavi Sammelanam will also be live streamed only.

Socializing at the temple is a **strict No-No**, given the prevalent health safety concerns and Santa Clara County guidance.

Temple timings remain the same as mentioned in the VEDA Calendar

- All temple nitya poojas for the deities will take place timely. Devotees are requested to stay home and watch live streamings of the event.
- Prasadam and Annadaanam Service will be suspended until further notice
- All onsite classes stand cancelled until further notice. E-Classes are being explored

Devotee participation in ALL temple activities until March 30th will be remotely **ONLY**, via live-streaming services. Please cooperate with the temple management and adhere to these guidelines:

- Please **DO NOT** visit temple when sick.
- Please **DO NOT** visit temple if you feel you belong to a high-risk health category.
- Please **DO NOT** visit temple if you have returned from a travel to a country that reported large number of COVID19 cases as specified by CDC within the past 2 weeks.
- Please **DO NOT** visit the temple if you were in contact with any COVID19 patient directly or indirectly.
- Please **DO NOT** bring any Abhishekam materials (milk, honey, fruit juice etc) or cooked prasadam to the temple
- Please greet people only by Namaste (folded hands).
- Please **COVER** Your Cough/Sneeze, and **DO NOT** touch your face.
- Please wash your Hands frequently with Soap for at least 20 Seconds, or use Hand-sanitizer.
- Please **DO NOT LINGER** to **SOCIALIZE** in Temple.

For more information regarding Corona virus (COVID-19), please refer to information from CDC (www.cdc.gov).

Santa Clara county press release <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/news/Pages/white-house-recommendtions.aspx> has more information.

In the interests of the community and for the greater good, VEDA temple management has decided to take these drastic yet necessary steps, to ensure safety of our devotee community. Please help cooperate with us.

With the blessings of the divine God, we hope that normalcy restores quickly in our community. Let us collectively do our part in ensuring this happens through our best health safety practices.

Sincerely,

Mahadev Kolluru
President, VEDA

On behalf of VEDA Chairman, Board of Directors, and Temple Executive Committee