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AHT In-Temple Services during Covid-19

This document lays out the guidelines that a AHT Priest and a Devotee who is visiting the temple needs to follow during the visit for a in-temple priest service. This is not for samoohika pooja/Homam.

1. Priests and the devotee should always wear face masks during the priest service.
2. Devotee needs to bring his/her own mask before visiting the temple. If devotee does not have it, Temple will provide it for a suggested donation of \$3 per mask. No Mask No priest service, No Exceptions.
3. All the CDC guidelines needs to be followed before entering AHT Campus. 6 feet Social distancing, washing hands with soap/Sanitizer etc. will be followed.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>
4. Priest will check with the devotee on few things before devotee travels to the temple, this same questionnaire should be asked by devotee to the priests so that both are in agreement to perform the PS in the assigned time in the temple campus.
 - a. Do you have fever/Temperature? - Intended answer – No
 - b. Do you or anybody in your home living with you have fever, cough, cold in the past 15 days? - Intended answer – NO
 - c. Do you have any other known symptoms of Covid-19? Intended answer – No
 - d. Did you Travel anywhere in flights or any mode from different country in last 15 days? Intended Answer - NO

The answers to these questions must be “NO”, If the answer is different, then either of them can reject the PS at any time. Priest needs to call Sandeep before cancelling the PS so that he can speak to the devotee.

5. Priest will check the temperature by using no touch thermometer at the main entrance of Ganesh temple. If the temperature is above normal reading > 99 F, Devotee will be asked to leave the campus immediately.
6. Maintain Social distance of 6 feet during all times in the campus.
7. As soon as devotee gets down the car from the parking lot in front of Ganesh temple, He/She must wear the mask. NO EXCEPTIONS.
8. Priest will meet Devotee at the entrance of Ganesh temple to go over the guidelines once again.

9. Devotee will be provided sanitizer/disinfectant soap to clean the hands before starting the pooja. Priest and Devotee must clean their hands before starting the pooja.
10. Wearing gloves is preferred all times in campus, please bring your own pair of gloves.
11. Bringing homemade prasadam, fruits, flowers, Pooja materials are strictly prohibited.
12. Do not touch any vigrahas in the temple during the stay. No-Touch policy is implemented at all times in the campus.
13. The maximum people allowed for any pooja is 4 depending on the type of priest service. It should be just one nuclear family who are living together for some time.
14. All the priest services will be performed in Navagraha Temple or Yagashaala.
15. The following are the In-temple priest services that will be offered.

Priest Service
Vahana Pooja
Hiranya Shradham
All Homams (Ayush, Shanthi, etc)
Aksharabhyasam/Vidyarambham
Anna Prasanam
Namakaranam
Keshakadana
Sri Sathyanarayana Pooja
Srimantham

16. For any further questions, please contact RC Chair at 512-789-0106 or email: religiouschair@austinhindutemple.org