

Sri Lakshmi Temple

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In continuation of our prior communications on the COVID-19 virus outbreak on the steps we have taken to ensure the safety and security of our temple staff, volunteers and the larger devotee community, here is our latest update.

Based on today's additional guidelines issued by the governor and the state government restricting public gatherings and our own assessment of the situation in consultation with town officials and experts, we are restricting access to the temple for our devotees--effective immediately until 3/27/2020 or until further notice.

We are continuously monitoring this situation for any change in status, will make any necessary amends and will comply with any regulatory orders from the government as applicable. Devotees are advised to check our temple website www.srilakshmi.org for the latest updates regarding temple reopening and for any other updates we would share periodically. Be rest assured, we are making every attempt to reopen our temple at the earliest possible time with the safety and security of our temple community utmost in our mind.

Our temple priests will continue to perform the regular pujas and abhishekams as per the schedule to the best of their abilities, but without any public/devotee participation. This enables our devotee community to make use of our e-service/online booking facility to book regular pujas (such as Archana, Abhishekam) if they so desire from our <u>website</u> using the link https://www.srilakshmi.org/contents/POS.php.

If you need help, email to info@srilakshmi.org with your contact details.

We will also continue to accept Srardham rituals, which will be performed at our temple complex (Priest quarter's basement). Devotees can continue to make use of this service as well.

This has not been an easy decision for any of us, but the current pandemic and the worldwide impacts we see all indicate we are facing an extraordinary situation and these call for extraordinary measures and our compliance. We pray for all our devotees, friends & families to stay safe and healthy. Email us if we could be of any assistance or help during this trying times.

May the blessings of Sri Lakshmi be always with you and your family!

Please check our <u>website</u> at <u>http://www.srilakshmi.org</u> for latest updates.