

## Shirdi Sai Darbar

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### **Pandemic: Information for Devotees**

**Sai Ram All Devotees, Temple is open only on Thursdays 7am-9pm, Once in a week, starting from Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020. Please read below guidelines before coming to temple.**

The following have been drafted based on CA Health department guidelines for religious institutions during pandemic. We request all devotees to be prepared before coming to the temple. We would like devotees to have Baba darshan, amidst constraints temple management has to work with due to CA and Santa Clara County restrictions. We are confident devotees will help us comply with the law and keep other devotees and volunteers safe. Thanks!

#### **What's available in Temple for Devotees?**

1. Baba darshan, Hindu temple side darshan, Sathya Sai darshan.
2. Youtube link of temple walkthrough for devotees to avoid any surprises. Please follow this line. <https://youtu.be/vZ0oBFuAUiE>

#### **Kindly do not come to temple if:**

1. You or anyone in your household is sick and has respiratory symptoms.
2. You or anyone in your household is high risk per CDC.
3. You or anyone in your household has travelled in the last 2 weeks.
4. You or anyone in your household will not be wearing masks in the temple.
5. You have elderly people or very young kids

#### **Do's:**

1. Self-screen everyone in your household for respiratory issues before coming to temple.
2. Wear face masks or face covering in the temple at all times.
3. Wear gloves, which are available at the front desk.
4. Check-In your contact information at the front desk before entering the temple.
5. Get your temperature checked by a volunteer at the front desk.
6. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet inside the temple at all times.
7. Use markings on the carpet as reference for social distancing.
8. Stay in line and do not cross barricades. This helps other devotees and volunteers safe.
9. Bring water if you need. Water access is restricted in the temple.
10. Prefer non-aarthi time on Thursdays to avoid crowd.

#### **What's not available in Temple for Devotees?**

1. Devotees can't do Aarthi at this time.
2. **Devotees are not allowed to stay in Baba hall during Aarthi, PLS DO NOT STAY DURING AARTHI. PLS PRAY FOR 2 MINS & KEEP MOVING. FOLLOW LINE TO SATHYA SAI HALL, SHIVA HALL & EXIT.**
3. No Poojas (Eg: Sathyanarayan Pooja, Sankat Chathurthi, etc) are conducted.

4. No Parikrama or Prostration inside the temple.
5. No Sitting or gathering in the temple.
6. No touching of Pathukas, Idols and Photo frames.
7. No Abishek.
8. No Udi or any Prasad from Temple.
9. Temple do not provide Any Priest services. No car Puja, No Activities related with priest.

#### **Prasad:**

1. Temple will not distribute prasad until pandemic situation gets better.
2. Temple neither accepts flowers nor provides flowers as Prasad.
3. If devotees would like to bring prasad (even Milk or Fruits), kindly offer it yourself from the darshan line and take it home.
4. Please do not keep Prasad near Idols.
5. Please do not keep Prasad in the temple.
6. Please do not give Prasad to other devotees or even volunteers.

#### **Other General Information:**

1. Kindly wait outside the temple with social distancing if front desks in lobby are busy.
2. Please have your children with you and do not let them run around or mingle with others.
3. While Aarhi is going on, kindly do not hold the line or exit the line and stand elsewhere.
4. Please use the center carpet area in Baba hall to pray for a longer time. Use carpet markings as guidance for social distancing.
5. Please be patient with others in the line as some people take time to offer their prayers.
6. Please do not step into the center carpet area in Sathya Sai Hall or Shiva Hall.
7. Only volunteers will be doing Aarhi.
8. Please use the trash can near the exit door to dispose-off gloves and do not throw it in the parking lot or outside the temple.

#### **Temple Operating hours due to Pandemic:**

Only open Thursdays ( all day for Devotees darshan only):

7:00am to 9:00pm

#### **Shirdi Sai Baba aarhi timings:**

Kakad aarhi: 6:45am

Madhyan aarhi: 12pm

Dhoop aarhi: 6:30pm

Shej aarhi: 8:30pm

#### **Donation:**

If you would like to offer a donation, we sincerely thank you for supporting the temple during this time. Kindly drop cash in Hundi without touching the surfaces. For electronic payments, we prefer you make the payment online from home or mobile device as much as possible. For convenience,

we have set-up Square terminals near the Exit door, for anyone who likes to donate through credit card in the temple.

**Contact:** [www.shirdisaidarbar.org](http://www.shirdisaidarbar.org)

Please contact temple authorities - Email - [ShirdiSaiSevak@yahoo.com](mailto:ShirdiSaiSevak@yahoo.com) or reach out to 408-482-0089 (Text or WhatsApp Messages only) if you or anyone in your household is diagnosed with respiratory issues within a few days before/after you came to temple. Kindly provide details - when you came to the temple and who all were there along with you.

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