

Standard Operating Procedure to Contain Spread of COVID-19 in Religious Places (1/6)



Preventive Measures to be Ensured at Religious Places



Entrance to have mandatory hand hygiene (sanitizer dispenser) & thermal screening provisions



Only asymptomatic persons to be allowed in the premises



Persons without face cover/masks not to be allowed



Posters on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed at prominent places



Audio & Video clips on preventive measures for COVID-19 to be regularly played



Staggering of visitors to be done, if possible

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Footwear to be preferably taken off inside own vehicle. If needed they should be kept in separate slots for each individual



Proper crowd management in parking lots & outside the premises, duly following social distancing norms



Any shops, stalls, cafeteria etc., outside & within the premises to follow social distancing norms at all times



Specific markings may be made with sufficient distance to manage the queue & to ensure social distancing in the premises



Preferably separate entry and exits for visitors to be organized

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Maintain physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet when queuing up for entry



People should wash their hands & feet with soap and water before entering the premises



Seating arrangement to be made following adequate social distancing norms



For AC/ventilation, guidelines of CPWD to be followed - all AC devices to be in the range of 24-30°C, Relative Humidity to be in the range of 40-70%, intake of fresh air to be as much as possible with adequate cross ventilation

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Touching of statues/idols/holy books etc. not allowed



Large gatherings continue to remain prohibited



In view of potential threat of spread of infection, recorded devotional songs may be played & singing groups should not be allowed



Avoid physical contact while greeting each other



Common prayer mats to be avoided & devotees to bring their own prayer mat or piece of cloth that can be taken back



No physical offerings like prasadam/distribution or sprinkling of holy water etc. allowed

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Community kitchens/langars etc. to follow physical distancing norms while preparing & distributing food



Effective sanitation within the premises to be maintained with particular focus on lavatories, hand and foot-washing areas



Frequent cleaning & disinfection to be maintained by the management of the religious place



The floors should particularly be cleaned multiple times in the premises



Ensure proper disposal of leftover face covers/masks/ gloves

Standard Operating Procedure to Contain Spread of COVID-19 in Religious Places (6/6)

Measures to be taken on Occurrence of Case(s)



Place the ill person in a room or area where they are isolated from others



Provide a mask/face cover till such time he/she is examined by a doctor



Immediately inform the nearest medical facility or call the state or district helpline



A risk assessment will be undertaken by designated public health authority & accordingly further action be initiated regarding management of case, his/her contacts and need for disinfection



Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found positive