



CHINMAYA MISSION® WASHINGTON REGIONAL CENTER



CLOSURE OF ALL ACTIVITIES AT OUR FACILITIES EFFECTIVE MARCH 13 UNTIL APRIL 17

Hari Om!

Dear Chinmaya Family,

As a follow up to my email and the constantly changing impact of COVID-19 we have evaluated all the information that is currently available to us.

We are **closing all activities at our facilities starting this weekend, Friday, March 13, 2020** and tentatively plan to resume full operations effective Friday, April 17, 2020 (please note that this containment period includes the planned closure for Spring Break April 6-13).

Furthermore,

- Weekend Bala Vihar and Adult Sessions – we are exploring online resources to resume our activities remotely during this containment period.
- Study Groups – please use the phone-conferencing feature to include families who may wish to join remotely during this period. Swamiji's Thursday Evening Discourse will continue – Please join via zoom.
- The following upcoming CMWRC events – Geeta Chanting (March 21-22), Thyagaraja & Purandaradasa Aradhana (March 28), Bhajan Sandhya (March 14) and local chapter events such as Ramanavami Tulsi Ramayan chanting (March 25 – April 2), YLP - Story Telling Competition are cancelled. We will explore when we can reschedule Geeta Chanting and other cancelled events.
- All daily evening arati and classes at Chinmaya Somnath are cancelled.
- Chinmaya Blossoms Preschool closure decision will be made by Chinmaya Blossoms Board.
- Chinmaya Somnath Learning Center (CSLC) operations at Chinmaya Somnath will be suspended during the containment period.
- Swamiji Bhiksha – Please refrain from making and bringing bhiksha to Swamiji, if your family members have cold and flu symptoms. Please let Bhiksha coordinator know immediately if a scheduled family or group is unable to offer bhiksha out of necessary caution. We are making alternate arrangements to provide Swamiji with meals. To those families who are in short driving distance from Chinmayam location and are willing to make and provide meals to Swamiji at a moment's notice, please let our bhiksha coordinator know (bhiksha@chinmayadc.org).

Let us all do our part with care, awareness and sincerity and let us invoke our Shanti Mantra, 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah, Sarve Santu Niramayah'. May the grace and blessings of Sri Gurudev and Bhagavan be on all during this time.

Thank you for all your help, as the saying goes "this too shall pass". We look forward to an opportunity to resume all activities after Spring Break.

Anil Kishore,
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