

Announcement

Cancellation of March Temple Activities

March 13th, 2020

Dear Honseiji Members and Guests,

We would like to inform you of a new announcement from NST regarding the Coronavirus. As the number of cases and affected areas increases, the avoidance and cancellation of public events and gatherings has become the next necessary protocol in controlling the virus's spread. **So for that reason NST has announced that all U.S. temple activities for the month of March will be cancelled, effective today, Friday March 13th 2020.**

That does not mean that the Chief Priests of U.S. temples will not be conducting the scheduled ceremonies. It means rather, that NST is asking all members to refrain from coming to temple, and to instead participate in these ceremonies from home by reciting Sutra and chanting in front of their Gohonzon at the same time as the temple. This is the best way that we can protect one another's health and safety, not only for our temple community but for the general public. We especially want to protect the health of the elderly and immune-compromised who are particularly vulnerable to this virus, so let's all take this as an opportunity to proceed with consideration and mutual respect.

All scheduled funerals and memorial services will still be conducted at the temple, however they will be conducted privately with only the family in attendance. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Honseiji Temple (808-235-8486). I will make further announcements as time goes on to update you with NST's plans moving forward.

Let's continue to chant for the rapid recovery of this situation and offer our sincere prayers for the enlightenment of the deceased. Thank you for your understanding,

Honseiji Temple