

Guidelines for Mountain View Buddhist Temple On Campus Activities

Guidelines in effect 9/1/22; all guidelines will be re-evaluated periodically as needed.

The stated values of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple places emphasis both on ensuring the safety of our community and taking responsibility as individuals to look out for our collective well being. As such, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Temple has taken specific measures to minimize the potential exposure to COVID-19 at Temple events and activities. We have invested in upgrading ventilation systems in our Hondo and meeting spaces, purchased electrostatic sprayers to sanitize surfaces, and technology that allows for virtual and hybrid gatherings.

While understanding that there are inherent risks associated with gathering on Temple grounds with those outside one's household, as the Temple further opens up in the Fall of 2022, the MVBT has put the following guidance in place to maximize the health and safety of those who use our Temple facilities with the most vulnerable of us in mind.

****Note:** while the following offers general guidelines, individual affiliated organizations and/or event organizers might choose to have more restrictive (but not less restrictive) protocols in place based on the needs of those attending**

ATTENDANCE AT MVBT

All attendees to any event on MVBT grounds should adhere to the following, which is consistent with [CDC Guidelines](#);

- Do not come to Temple grounds if you have had fever within 24 hours, or if you have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 or other infectious diseases in the past 24 hours.
- If you personally have had a positive case of Covid, only return to Temple grounds after at least five days and a negative Covid test.

VACCINATIONS & MASKING

- Vaccinations and boosters are NOT REQUIRED, but STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for all attendees on the grounds of the temple.
- Masking is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, for any indoor activity. Masking is RECOMMENDED for outdoor activity.
- If exposed to someone with Covid within the past 10 days, wear a high-quality mask when at MVBT.
- Masks are REQUIRED in the Temple Office and Hondo.

USE OF TEMPLE FACILITIES

- Reservations must be made through the Building Activities Committee (BAC) for any group using Temple grounds.
- Groups are ENCOURAGED to keep a roster of attendees in case a COVID-19 positive result occurs following the group gathering. The group/contact person is responsible to report this to the BAC and also responsible for notifying all attendees at the event.
- Maximum capacity for an indoor space is as is posted by Fire Code for Safety.
- Maximum ventilation or airflow devices should be utilized if available.

- Groups are REQUIRED to use the electrostatic sprayer after gathering if there is another gathering within 24 hours.

Food Preparation & Service

- All those preparing food should be masked as well as adhere to current food handling guidelines such as wearing hairnets/caps and use food safe gloves to prepare food.
- Any 'buffet style food' should be SERVED by servers who are masked, have hairnets/caps and use food safe gloves.
- Any 'buffet style food' service should be with social distancing in mind.
- Masking is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED when obtaining food from the food line/food service and ENCOURAGED to re-mask immediately after drinking/eating.

Indoor & Outdoor Seating

- Social Distancing is ENCOURAGED for indoor seating.

HONDO GUIDELINES

- All attendees will sign in with contact information in case of any COVID-19 issues are reported.
- Everyone in the Hondo must wear masks at all times (covering both their noses and mouths), regardless of vaccination or other status.
 - Chanting and Singing will be permitted during any service.
 - If anyone is uncomfortable with Chanting and Singing, the last two rows of the Gejin are reserved for non-Chanting / Singing attendees.
- Everyone will be reminded to leave as much distance between households as possible while seated and walking inside the Hondo.
- Windows in the Gejin and front of Hondo at the raised area are to remain open throughout service.
- HVAC to be turned on for ventilation.
- Hand sanitizers will be at the front of the Gejin for use following Oshoko.