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Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa
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Sadh Sangat Ji,

Given that the state of MA has made many changes in the COVID Safety protocols, we wanted to share the next phase of re-opening of the Gurudwara Sahib.

We are taking a more conservative approach to Gurudwara Sahib reopening, as we as a Sangat have a much larger exposure risk to the India variant of COVID. At this time, the impact of that variant is not well understood. But, slowly and thoughtfully, we will continue to move forward with reopening plans.

Here are some details of the next phase of reopening:

1. We are requesting that you continue to use a mask while in the Gurudwara Sahib, especially if you are NOT vaccinated or have some underlying health issues. While wearing a mask is no longer a requirement, we strongly encourage you to do so for your own safety, as well as the safety of others. This is in line with the CDC and state of MA guidelines.
2. We will open the Langar Hall for Langar Seva starting this weekend, but we will limit the number of members to 50 at any given time. We strongly request you to only eat Langar with your immediate family and maintain social distance from others. If you are not vaccinated, please take the Langar home. If the Langar Hall is at its capacity, you will be requested to wait for your turn.
3. There will be no serving of Langar by Sevadaars at this time. We will provide Water Seva, but you are requested to take a Langar Box and eat Langar. Please do not come up to the kitchen counter if you need any additional help. Sevadaars will be there to get you whatever you need, while you are still seated.
4. You are welcome to take Langar boxes home if you are not yet comfortable eating in the Gurudwara Sahib.
5. We will continue to have a separate stage for Sangat Kirtan for now and we will revisit this plan in a few weeks.
6. Parshad distribution will continue as it is today. No Parshad will be distributed in the Deewan Hall.

If you are not vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to follow our current protocols regarding mask requirements and not eating inside the Gurdwara Sahib building. Please keep in mind that this is not just for your safety but for the safety of others as well. The management team will not be asking any questions on whether you are vaccinated. It is an honor system and we sincerely hope that you will take this responsibility seriously. As we move forward with the reopening plans, we will also need more support in the Langar Hall. Please volunteer to help.

With Guru Sahib's blessings, we will continue to remain safe and further relax the safety rules in the future. For any questions, please contact anyone in the management team.

Gur Fateh!
Management Team