

Chinmaya Mission Houston Reopening FAQs

- 1. Will Chinmaya Mission Houston offer virtual BalaVihar classes along with face-to-face?**
 - We will not offer virtual classes along with the in-person classes except for pre-kindergarten.
- 2. For members that are not local to the Houston area, is there any option for them?**
 - No. Virtual classes on Sundays will be discontinued for all students except pre-kindergarten.
- 3. Will there be a mask mandate for children and adults?**
 - Yes, masks will be required for all individuals within CMH premises.
- 4. Will there be an assembly in Saraswati Neelayam?**
 - No. Children will go directly to their classrooms.
- 5. Is it optional for parents to attend the adult class?**
 - Per our policy, at least one parent is required to attend adult satsanga. This is true for both virtual and in-person classes.
- 6. What will be the dismissal plan for Bala Vihar children and parents to avoid overcrowding?**
 - We are planning for a staggered dismissal; more details will follow.
- 7. How would you handle extra classes in-between sessions?**
 - Extra classes will start a few weeks after January 16, 2022. We will announce the date when the plans are finalized.
- 8. My children are not fully vaccinated, they may be before Dec.15th. How do we submit vaccination proofs?**
 - Please submit the data you currently have, and we will provide further instructions for submitting additional data.
- 9. What if only one parent is vaccinated?**
 - Only the vaccinated parent can attend.
- 10. Can grandparents attend if they are vaccinated? How do we submit the records?**
 - Per our policy, at least one parent is required to attend adult satsanga. Grandparents are welcome to attend if they are vaccinated.
- 11. I did not receive the vaccination form link for my family members, how do I submit the vaccination records?**
 - If you did not receive the link, please email CMHRegistrations@chinmayahouston.org
- 12. My booster shot record is on the reverse side of my vaccination card. How do I send a picture of my vaccination records?**
 - Please combine the two pictures into a single pdf file and upload the pdf. If you need help with this, please email CMHRegistrations@chinmayahouston.org.
- 13. Will parents be notified when there is a positive COVID-19 case in their child's class?**
 - Yes. The parents will be notified.
- 14. Will the adults be notified when there is a positive COVID-19 case in CMH?**
 - Yes. The members will be notified.
- 15. Why is CMH mandating vaccination for individuals (to attend in-person classes) while this is not a requirement by CDC?**
 - CMH is not mandating any of its members to take the vaccines. But for the safety of our BV children, teachers, sevaks and the adults, we will allow only those who are vaccinated.
- 16. Will my child be dropped out of the roster if he/she is not vaccinated?**

- Yes, the child will be temporarily dropped from the roster.

17. The FDA recently authorized vaccination for use in children 5 through 11 years of age. Why is there a rush to open in-person classes? Parents do not have much time to schedule vaccinations and provide proof.

- There will be sufficient time to take one vaccine.

18. Are individuals who are “fully vaccinated” required to quarantine after international travel?

- We encourage you to follow CDC, federal, state and local guidelines for quarantining after international travel.
- However, as a health safety consideration for your fellow mission members, we will require you to wait for at least 7 days before coming to the mission to eliminate any possibility of infection.

19. Is the vaccination data (Personal Health Information) collected being safeguarded?

- Yes., they are being safeguarded. The data you provide is only used for administering our reopening and ongoing monitoring. The data will not be shared with anyone who is not directly involved in this process.