Dear Friends,

We hope that you and your family are safe and doing well during these Covid-19 tough times. It had been hard for us not to let the devotees come in to have Lord Daksinamurti’s darshan and receive blessings. We apologize. This closure had to be done keeping in view the safety of every one of you due to the current health concerns. Our county (Monroe) will be placed in the Green phase beginning June 19. We are planning to start slowly opening our temple and the gurukulam to the public following CDC guidelines especially wearing masks and social distancing of 6 feet except members of the same family.

The temple will be opened to the public on Saturday June 27 at 10:00am and Sunday June 28 at 10:00am. The temple will be opened from 10:00am to 12:30pm. 10:00am to 11:00am will be the general darshan time. Sri Swami Viditatmanandaji has asked us to have Abhisekam to Lord Daksinamurti at 11:00am followed by arati and prasadam. Due to the social distancing and other CDC guidelines, the number of people for abhisekam will be limited to 50 people due to the limitation of space. Other than the abhisekam attendees, no one else will be allowed in the gurukulam from 11:00am onwards. If successful, this format will be followed every weekend until July 19 when our family retreats begin.

Please inform us before you come by email to suddhatma@gmail.com or avpoffice@gmail.com or by phone to 570-992-2339 so that we can place you on the list. The number of people is restricted only for the abhisekam time but not for the general darshan which is from 10:00am to 11:00am. For darshan 5 people will be allowed at a time. The Gurukulam gates will be locked again at 12:30pm.

We are also live streaming our daily morning Abhisekam at 5:45am, and evening puja at 5:30pm. Our teachers are also providing online Vedanta classes. We also live stream Pujya Swami Dayanandaji pre-recorded meditation classes in the morning at 7:15am, and Vedanta classes at 11:00 am. Please go to youtube.com Arsha Vidya Gurukulam channel for details.

The Independence Day Weekend Retreat from July 2 to 4 will be conducted online only by Sri Swami Viditatmanandaji and Sri Swami Pratyagbodhanandaji.

Gurukulam will be celebrating Gurupurnima on Sunday July 5 at 10:30am. The abhisekam to Lord Daksinamurti will start at 10:30am. However, the temple will be opened to the general public from 9:00am onwards for darshan following CDC guidelines.

The two-week Bhasyam Course is cancelled. Children’s Retreats without parents are cancelled this year. All Family Vedanta Retreats will be conducted in the Gurukulam by Sri Swami Pratyagbodhanandaji and Sri Swami Muktatmanandaji. The details and the exact format of the family retreats are being worked out and we will post it on our website www.arshavidya.org next week. We are hoping that the Covid -19 conditions
would allow us to continue our other Vedanta programs from August onwards. All Non-Vedanta programs are cancelled this year. Except for the retreats, all overnight accommodations are also cancelled.

*Please collect Prasadam packet (lunch) from priests after Puja.

** We are not able to provide you Tea/Coffee/Snacks either at the Old dining or New dining hall due to Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Before you arrive**

- The Gurukulam will do its best to ensure you have a safe and healthy stay with us. However, no travel currently is without risks. You will be asked to sign the Covid-19 waiver of liability.
- Take your temperature before you leave home. The Gurukulam staff will take the temperature of every member of your family or those in your vehicle. If fever of 100.4 or higher is indicated or you show any of the commonly known Covid-19 symptoms you will not be allowed entry into the gurukulam for the safety of others.
- Bring a mask with you. You will be required to wear it while at the gurukulam.
- Hand sanitizing solutions will be kept at the entrance of the temple for everyone to use, but make sure you pack your own if you have any concerns about availability.
- No Tea/Coffee will be available at the gurukulam this time except for the retreats.

**At the Gurukulam entrance**

- The temperature of each individual will be checked, and a few questions will be asked.
- A signed copy of the Covid-19 waiver of liability form will be collected.
- Your name and phone number/email will be taken if you have not already provided. This is to contact you in case any visitor developed Covid-19 while they were in the gurukulam.
- While at the Gurukulam social distancing of 6 feet, other than the family members who came as a group, is required.

**When you return home**

- Continue to monitor your health and temperature. If you begin to show Covid-19 symptoms, please notify the gurukulam immediately.

Our prayers for your and your family’s safety and well-being!