

Friday, 20th March 2020

**Latest (No.3) Directives for Gurdwaras, Sikh Organisations, Charities and  
Jathebandis during the Covid-19 pandemic**

We urge UK Gurdwaras to be fully compliant with the recent announcements from  
Government and NHS.

**In extension of our previous directives we are explicitly requesting all public services,  
especially Anand Karajs, to be postponed. In accordance with the latest information  
Gurdwaras should take strong measures to prevent any non-essential social contact.**

It is imperative that the seva of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Jee continues in Gurdwaras and the  
daily *maryada* is adhered to. As Granthis are usually residents of the Gurdwara, this should  
continue with relative ease. Where it is possible, Gurdwaras should make full use of digital  
technology to live stream any recitations (*Jaaps*) of Gurbani (*Paaths*) that are continuing in  
the Gurdwara.

Gurdwaras are different to other places of worship, in that a Community Kitchen - Langar -  
is available for those in need. As such, a Gurdwara also stores essential items that may be  
required for anyone that needs support. Ideally those that require them should phone their  
Gurdwara, so that they can be delivered to minimise social contact.

We continue to advise the vulnerable groups identified by the government (physically  
unwell and elderly) to follow 'social distancing' protocols.

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