

## Masks and Gloves Distribution(COVID-19)

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Nassau county in New York, has been the focal point of media and state government for being the epicenter of novel coronavirus, a.k.a. COVID-19. As the statewide lockdown entered its third week, local government issued stricter social distancing orders and declared face-mask application a compulsory part in all social spheres. With the new policy in place and gauging the economic standing of the local community, SNM NY-CT Branch humbly took on the responsibility of leading by example.



**Need of the hour was to make sure all fellow residents of the community had easy access to face mask and gloves.** With the blessings of Satguru Mata Sudiksha ji Maharaj, volunteers of the branch at once began to carve out the best possible manner to help provide the same. Network of participating volunteers was formed, which included ordering, assembling, packing as well as distribution of the needed equipment. Saints of all ages and from all different region took part with exceeding zeal while maintaining and observing social-distancing and related rules advised per the CDC.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, a booth was organized by the Maharaja complex of the greater Hicksville area, Long Island, NY. a short distance from the New York Satsang Bhavan. The booth radiated

with white glowing banners of the Mission along with another banner that expressed sincere gratitude towards the frontline workers such as nurses, doctors, and caregivers. Neatly placed and packed within a ziplock bag, were **2 surgical face-masks along with 2 pairs of latex free gloves**, while a label displaying Mission's logo was placed on the exterior of the bag.



Volunteers posted on each side of the booth, humbly gestured the passersby to help themselves with a pack. Witnessing such an act of altruism in the midst of a global pandemic, when one does not even want to step outside of one's safe haven, evoked and initiated a chain reaction to mirror the humane effort. Bystanders approached the booth and expressed their complete awe and admired the initiative taken by the Mission. Compassion had permeated and spread across into the vicinity as complete strangers wanted to somehow contribute towards this initiative. One sister so deeply drawn by the effort of the Mission, insisted to contribute monetarily, while another individual expressed pride in knowing that his brother belongs to such a humanitarian Mission.

Indeed each and every saint of the branch made an effort to become part of this rather time sensitive initiative. It was truly an all inclusive effort where some came forward and provided the zip lock bags, some supplied the cardboard boxes, and some printed the labels, while the elderly saints packaged the contents, truly resonating with the spirit of unity. SNM NY-CT branch is shortly due to prepare and distribute fresh made meals to frontline workers at the Long Island hospitals. Volunteers of the Mission express immense gratitude towards Satguru Mata ji for instilling unconditional love and compassion for fellow brothers and sisters in need.

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