

COVID-19 MITIGATION STATEMENT

Regretfully, COVID-19 is still present in Northern Nevada and will likely remain at the time of the retreat. It is impossible to know if case numbers will be rising or falling at the beginning of April, but Dharma Zephyr and Camp Galilee are dedicated to providing the safest environment possible. Both are committed to following federal, state, and local mandates and guidelines, including the use of masks, social distancing, and maximum group size.

Dharma Zephyr requires that all who participate in Dharma Zephyr-sponsored events be fully vaccinated, including booster shots. Participants will be asked for proof of full vaccination. N95 or KN95 masks will be worn during all indoor group settings except when eating in the dining hall.

The retreat will be limited to a total of 20 people, including Santikaro. Twenty is the number that can sit socially-distanced in the meditation hall.

Unfortunately, Galilee does not have enough rooms to give everyone a private bedroom. No more than two people will be assigned to a room, and participants will select their roommates. Depending on the number of people registered for the retreat, a limited number of private rooms will be available for an additional fee.

Additional efforts to mitigate the presence and spread of COVID-19 may include but are not limited to: testing upon arrival; the use of air purifiers; opening windows and doors for ventilation; offering alternative places to meditate; offering two sittings for meals; broadcasting Santikaro's dharma talks via Zoom to the church building; and offering two Q&A sessions with half the group attending each. Those attending the retreat may be asked to sign a waiver releasing Dharma Zephyr from liability should they contract COVID-19 while attending the retreat.