Food & Catering

- **Outside food is strictly prohibited.** Under no circumstances may food be brought onto Temple premises from an outside caterer, restaurant, grocery store, or home kitchen, regardless of whether it is brought by the host family, guests, or vendors.
- **Limited exception for prasadam, cake and beverages.** The host family may bring a **vegetarian cake, juice, or soda** only after completing the **Outside Food Waiver (Prasaadam, Cake, Juice, and Soda)** and obtaining approval from the Catering Team prior to the event. No exceptions will be granted without a signed and approved waiver.
- **Vegetarian food only.** Only vegetarian food is permitted anywhere on Temple premises.
- **Catering schedule and payment requirements.**
    - Final menu selections must be submitted at least **14 days before the event**.
    - Full catering payment is due **7 days before the event**.
    - Applicable sales tax will be added to all catering charges.
    - Catering orders exceeding **$10,000** must be paid in person at the Temple office.
- **Food service responsibilities.** The Temple Cafeteria will deliver food trays to the rented hall only. The host family is responsible for providing and managing serving spoons, chafing dish stands, warming trays, plates, cutlery, linens, and any other serving supplies. All food must remain within the rented event space.
- **Kitchen access.** Kitchen access is available only for events that include a **Banquet Hall rental** and may be used solely for warming food. Cooking is not permitted.
- **Policy enforcement.** Any outside food or beverages brought onto Temple premises may be denied entry or removed immediately. Violations of these policies may result in forfeiture of the security deposit and assessment of additional charges as permitted under the indemnity provisions of the rental agreement.

Important Reminder

All food served at your event must be provided by the HTCS Temple Cafeteria. The HTCS Temple Cafeteria is the sole and exclusive caterer for all events held on Temple premises.

Revise the last bullet point under the Booking Process section (https://venkateswaratemple.org/rentals/HTCSCC&KMHallRentalRules&Regulations.pdf)

Reservation is confirmed only upon the signed Hall Rental and Catering Rules Acknowledgment and Agreement form and the 30 percent deposit payment, in that order.