

ATTENTION

- THIS MASJID IS CLOSED FOR GENERAL PUBLIC...
DURING JUMA AS WELL
- ADMISSION ONLY FOR IMAM, MUEZZIN AND COMMITTEE
- ALL OTHERS, PLEASE PRAY AT YOUR HOME (**DO NOT COME EVEN FOR JUMA**) UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS
- PLEASE CO-OPERATE AND DO NOT DISTURB

AS PER THE FATWAA OF KHALID SAIFULLAH RAHMANI, DIRECTIONS OF SHARIA COUNCIL OF JIH, DEOBAND AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MUSLIM DOCTORS.

**READ THE NEXT PAGES FOR DETAILED ADVICE &
GUIDELINES OF DOCTOR SPECIALISTS**

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To
ALL Masjid Management Committees

From
Muslim Specialist Doctors- Telangana (details in the end)

Bismillahir rahmanir Rahim, Assalamualaykum

Acting upon the necessity, more than 100 Muslim specialist doctors have come together to discuss the prevailing medical calamity and assist Muslim clergy and Masjid committees to enable them to make appropriate decisions. Those unaware of details of this new infection and its medical perspective, can take wrong decisions which can cause more harm.

Alhumdulillah, there was good discussion and more than 50 doctors have given written suggestions. Taking all those into consideration, the guidelines are prepared for due consideration.

Guidelines are based upon standard preventive principles, please read the principles first followed by the suggestions.....

PREVENTIVE PRINCIPLES:

- 1) **No cure so far, anywhere in the world, research under trial, however prevention is the best solution as on today.**
- 2) **A SINGLE exposure to a cough or sneeze from an infected person within SIX FEET distance is enough to make someone CORONA +ve**
- 3) **Asymptomatic CORONA +ve can infect many people in the HIGH-RISK group (elderly, children and weak)**
- 4) **Recent studies show that it can remain viable in air for 4-6 hours making it an AIR BORNE DISEASE, and on surfaces for around 4 days.**
- 5) **Even few minutes of exposure or contact with infected person can transmit the virus, spread is not proportional to duration of exposure.**
- 6) **People can be carriers of viruses without any symptoms, for 14 days, therefore isolation or quarantine is for 14 days.**
- 7) **The less gathering or lesser the contacts, the better. (1 infected person coming in contact to 3 persons in 5 days, can affect 406 in 30 days; whereas contacting only 1 in 5 days will affect 50 in 30 days; so, decreasing the contact by one third will decrease the spread by 85%)**
- 8) **Mingling of old and young to be curtailed, as it may pose greater risk for old, in whom the spread can be fast and strong. (such a situation is common in masjids)**
- 9) **Repeated Hand washing with soap and water**

- 10) Musafa (hand shaking), muanaqah (embracing), blowing of nose in wuzu khana can increase transmission rate
- 11) Social distancing of at least 1 metre
- 12) To Keep Going out to the least minimum (absolutely avoid public places) (only essential/emergency work); as every stranger who comes in contact leaves a trail and may not be traced, if need to.
- 13) Cough and sneeze, etc. into a cloth and disinfect it.
- 14) Cover nose and mouth most of the times, esp. when outside
- 15) Avoid touching other persons like hand shake and any items like door knobs, etc,

GUIDELINES:

References:

- Above Preventive Principles
 - Decisions of various Muslim countries (Saudi, Kuwait, Malaysia, Indonesia)
 - Decisions of Muslim scholars in countries like USA, Canada, etc.
 - D.O No/11/2020 of minority welfare, hajj and welfare dept, Karnataka
 - Various news reports of foreign Muslims in India testing positive and leaving a long trail
 - Some unconfirmed news reports of relatively more spread of infection among Muslims.
1. Masjids should suspend regular routine jamaats. Around 3 to 5 members only, who stay in masjid premises like imams, muezzin, care takers, committee members, immediate neighbour or few volunteers as decided by the committee, can make jamaat. In that case, these 3 to 5 members should open the masjid for a very short time, offer namaz and close the masjid. **If** this is impractical, doing away completely is recommended.
 2. Azaan can be given and “sallu fee rihalikum” (pray in home) can be added in the end. In rural areas, it can be added in URDU.
 3. Individuals at work with no option to go home can go to their nearest masjid and offer namaz individually.
 4. Any persons offering namaz including those mentioned in point 1; must carry a cloth/hanky (2 x 4 ft) (not to be used by any other) to do sajda over it and sanitize it by washing it after the prayer. Repeat this for every prayer.
 5. All the time in any situation, people below 12 years and above 60 years, and in between 12-60 but sick, better be in isolation at home.

6. Ijtemas or any religious gatherings of any kind, jalsas, nafils, zikrs, to be absolutely avoided.
7. **Even with minimum functioning of masjid as mentioned in point 1; certain standard measures to be followed are....as follows...**
 - Do not shake hands or talk with anybody unless necessary.
 - Keep the masjid floor bare, as individuals are supposed to get their own cloth; and mop it daily with anti-septic liquid like hypochlorite solution and spray sanitizers every 4 hours. Removing carpets is an important step as they can act as reservoirs of infection.
 - A hand rub to be kept at the entrance and anybody entering must use it.
 - Make wuzu at home and do not share anything including topis, and no item should be touched, in masjid. (applicable for neighbours and incidental musalli)
 - **FRIDAY PRAYER:** Since the gatherings will jam pack the masjids and close proximities will violate every principle of prevention; it is highly recommended to suspend regular jumah or **proceed like any other day as in point 1**. In fact, according to medical point of view, dangers of one Jumah congregation can exceed hundreds of regular jamaats.
 - Loud speakers can be used to tell people or Some self-explanatory posters, about hand washing techniques, importance of social distancing and no gatherings and other preventive measures can be pasted in and outside of the masjid.....

With the above guidelines in place, vigilantly follow the news every day, if the infection is spreading in the country or any new case detected in your city/ town or if govt has declared lock down- please suspend all activities, close the gates, stick a warning; for 14 days or until the govt relaxes the lockdown. If your area has more cases, decide and extend accordingly.

Lastly, our country is going through a communally hostile situation, our actions should show everyone how Muslims and Islam, care for humanity.

And ALLAH knows the best.