

Latest COVID-19 Guidance for Mosques in the UK (12 March)

It has been announced that emergency legislation to control the spread of COVID-19 will be introduced in the UK **next week**. This will likely have a **significant** impact on mosques, madrasas and Islamic centres where Muslim communities frequently congregate.

In light of this, mosques, madrasas and Islamic centres in the UK are advised to take the following urgent actions:

1 *Plan for the likely suspension of congregational activities*

Consider organising the following support for your community:

- **Communicate plans** and relay advice to attendees via social media / WhatsApp
- **Shorten programmes** by reducing length of *khutbah* and *salah*, suspending the praying of *sunnah* and *nawafil* prayers in the mosque
- **Fundraising online** to enable the community to support the mosque remotely
- **Announce suspension** of *Jum'ah* and daily *Fardh* salah in congregation, if temporary suspension of congregational activities is advised

2 *Advise congregation members to keep good hygiene*

With the COVID-19 pandemic, it is now more important than ever to display prominent posters in the building and advise congregation members to:

- **Avoid attending** even if they are feeling mildly unwell
- **Avoid physical** contact including handshaking, hugging and close contact
- **Keep areas clean** using disposable paper towels for wudhu and encourage members to perform wudhu from home and bringing their own prayer mats
- **Read advice** on hygiene, displayed at prominent points in the mosque

3 *Support for the socially vulnerable and isolated*

Families or individuals who are self-isolating or staying at home do not have the usual access to the mosque community and space. Consider:

- **Pray at home:** Community members aged 60+ years and those with underlying medical conditions are at increased risk and should consider praying at home
- **Identify volunteers** who can support those in need and who are most vulnerable e.g. buying food, deliveries etc.
- **Check-in regularly** with your isolated community members via phone, video, broadcast messages or other means to support their wellbeing and morale

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