



Islamic Council of
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CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

Representatives from ICQ, CIQ, IMAQ, and management committee members from Queensland mosques and Muslim organisations met on Sunday 15 March 2020 to discuss a joint and uniform response to address the current coronavirus pandemic.

Our immediate aims are:

- To prevent the spread of the virus
- To ensure that our mosques and other centres remain open and functional for as long as possible
- To stop all non-essential activities and assemblies

We encourage all our different organisations to act responsibly and follow the guidelines on the next page with immediate effect. Please print the guidelines and stick up at your premises, and also distribute electronically to your mailing lists.



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Please follow the below guidelines with immediate effect

1. Imams to suspend all current programs except daily salah, Jumu'ah and madrasah.
2. Mosques will be opened 10 minutes before prayers, then closed immediately after prayers. Mosques to be closed at all other times.
3. Jumu'ah will be shortened to 15 minutes as follows:
 - a. No talk before the khutbah
 - b. Arabic khutbah
 - c. Pray salah
 - d. After salah, congregation must leave immediately. Pray sunnah at home.
- e. Congregation size for any salah must not exceed 500 people.
4. Children's madrasah can continue, but if and when schools close, madrasah to close as well.
5. Mosques to increase their cleaning schedule, including wiping down of surfaces and cleaning / antimicrobial spraying of carpets after every salah with appropriate cleaning solution.
6. Do not hug, kiss or shake hands. Mosques will install dispensers for hand sanitiser gel and provide paper towels for drying after wudhu. No towels are to be used or shared. Dry yourself properly after toilet and wudhu.
7. When attending the mosque, please bring own personal prayer mat. Mats are not to be shared.
8. Tabligh jamaat groups are not allowed to stay overnight in mosques until further notice.
9. If you are sick (cough, sneezes, fevers, runny nose, short of breath), do not attend any mosque or public gathering until you have completely recovered.
10. If you have just returned from overseas, please stay at home for at least 14 days. Do not come to the mosque, do not go to work, do not go to public facilities.
11. Imams to advise congregation to perform wudhu at home and pray sunnah and nafl prayers at home.
12. If you are one of the following, please pray at home:
 - a. Those for whom congregational prayer is not mandatory
 - b. Those who are elderly
 - c. Those with a chronic illness
13. Ramadan and other arrangements to be advised in the next update.