



NIGERIAN CANADIAN MUSLIM ASSOCIATION

PARTIAL RE-OPENING OF THE CENTRE IN LINE WITH ONTARIO GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVES

As'salam alaykum wa rahmatu Lahi wa baarakatuhu.

Alhamdulillah robi l Ahlameen for counting us among the living today.

The saga of the COVID-19 pandemic is fizzling out. The government of Ontario has now granted places of worship a phased re-opening of activities. We join all other religious bodies to say a big thanks to Hon. Premier Doug Ford and the MPP's for this laudable decision.

To sustain the social distance rule which, remain in force, a 30% capacity approach has been enforced. We have therefore demarcated our space with a 2m vertical and horizontal gaps between individuals.

Subject to this, the capacity our Masjid can accommodate for Jumat service, is:

50* congregants and is based on a "**first-come, first-entry**"

NCMA Mosque Jumat Service Re-Opening Strategy

Partial Opening Approach:

NCMA has concluded to open the Mosque for selected services in sha Allah on Friday, 18th of September 2020. The approach shall be a partial formation. This shall be in line with the Partial Opening approach.

Jumat Service/ partial Formation:

* Capacity:

- Men : 35
- Women : 15

Admission commencement Time: 12:30 P.M

Khutbah Start Time: 1:00 P.M

Khutbah Length: 20 Minutes

Iqamat Time: 1:20 P.M

Closure Of Masjid: 2:00 P.M

- Please note that these rules shall be **STRICTLY IMPLEMENTED**



Guiding Rules:

The government of Ontario is taking the set rules seriously. It has been reiterated on several notices that inspectors will be visiting the Mosques and penalties will be enforced for non-compliance.

Keep in mind that we are still in a "lockdown" state.

Kindly review the "rules and guidelines" to determine if you are eligible to attend the Jumah prayers.

It is mandatory to fill an **Admittance Register** at the entrance before being allowed to have access into the Masjid.

Quick Notes

1. The **washrooms and wudu area will be closed** as they can become a source of virus transmission. People are asked to make their wudu at home before coming to the masjid
2. Use of **Hand gloves** is highly recommended
3. There will be no room for "sunnah Prayers" at the Masjid. We ask that you complete your "sunnah" prayers on return to your residence

The Must-Dos

1. Everyone must bring a "plastic" bag to keep shoes
2. Everyone Must **bring his/her Prayer Mat**

A registration form must be completed for each person attending the Mosque. **Use of Face masks will be mandatory** for everyone coming to the masjid and must always be worn while inside the masjid. This will add another layer of safety and help reduce the risk of virus spread between congregants

The Don'ts

1. **Anyone with symptoms** of coughing, fever, shortness of breath, diarrhoea, sore throat, **SHOULD NOT** come to the masjid
2. Anyone who has travelled outside Canada within the last 14 days and those who have been close to individuals who are sick **SHOULD NOT** come to the masjid
4. The **high-risk population** of our community (**elderly age 65+ and those with underlying health conditions such as heart problems, kidney failure, diabetes, lung conditions, cancer patients and those on immune suppressive medications**) are strongly advised to continue to pray at home to avoid unnecessary exposure to the Covid-19 virus

Rules For Admittance

1. **Must not be below the age of 16 and Must not be above the age of 65.**
2. **Application of Hand sanitizer** shall be required upon entry. This would be provided at the entrance door
3. **Completion of Admittance Register**
4. **Face Mask appropriately worn**



Procedures

1. The Masjid doors will open at **12:30 pm** on **Fridays** to start admitting the congregants. During the "Partial opening", acceptance will be on a **"first-come, first-entry"** basis.
2. The **prayer area will be marked** so that everyone knows where to stand to ensure a safe distance is maintained between congregants during prayers
3. **There shall be One Entry and two exit doors.**
 - A single point of entry is aimed at controlling the occupant numbers, while the two exit points (front and back) will be made available to split the crowd and ensure social distancing is maintained.
 - **The exit will have the women taking the back door and men the front door**
4. The Masjid appointed officers will be enforcing a **limit on the number of people** attending prayers not to exceed 30% of our capacity as per government and Public Health regulations. This will ensure a **safe distance of at least 6 feet** is maintained between congregants during prayers.
Officers at the door will lock the masjid door when the target number has been reached
5. Door handles and stair railings will be periodically **disinfected** before and after prayers
6. The **Friday khutbahs will be shortened to 20 Minutes** to minimize the exposure risk.

Final Note

It is incumbent on each person to look at the weather condition for the day. There are no provisions available at the Mosque and we cannot provide such provisions due to the "social distancing" rules, therefore, if the weather is suspect, please consider staying home.

Wa Salam alaykum wa rahmatuLahi wa baarakatuhu.