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**Statement from Memphis Islamic Center**

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## Statement from Memphis Islamic Center Phase I Guidelines & Precautions

June 21st, 2020

**Disclaimer: The panel of infectious disease experts who have been advising us throughout this process continue to advise caution and recommend that we avoid praying congregational prayers at the masjid. However, they have provided us with guidance and recommendations on how to reduce the risk to our community if we decided to reopen. Our religious leadership has also advised that you are not obligated to attend congregational prayers at the masjid and still highly encourage our community to continue to pray at home. Please take this into account before deciding to attend.**

Some of the greater Memphis area Masajid have decided to proceed with a gradual and limited re-opening starting Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 while strictly adhering to the CDC and the Governors Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives recommendations for social distancing. Memphis Islamic Center is one of the masjids who have decided to implement a limited re-opening. **We will continue to closely monitor case numbers from Shelby County and the State of Tennessee and seek advice from our local Infectious Disease experts and COVID Task Force and we may consider delaying each phase or shutting down again.**

**We will tentatively start Phase I this Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 with Isha Prayer at 10:00PM.** Please read the guidelines below carefully. Our priority remains first and foremost the safety of every member in our community. **Therefore, compliance with the guidelines is a must and will be enforced strictly.** Failure to do so will result in removal and potential closing of the masjid.

### Phase 1 Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 (Minimum 2 Weeks)

#### Mandatory Requirements

- Open to Public with Limited Capacity (Max 50)
- Jummah and Isha Prayers Only
- All prayers will be held outside under Gazebo.
- Registration Required weekly for Jummah. Attendees will be required to provide their name at the check-in table. Please see form [here](#).
- Wearing masks is required at all times. All attendees must bring their own facemasks.
- Maintain social distancing 6 feet apart during prayers. Prayer spaces will be clearly marked.
- Attendees must bring their own prayer mats

- Prayers only. No congregation before and/or after each prayer. Everyone must leave as soon as prayer is complete.
- Must check in at screening table before entering gazebo.
- Indoor Musallah not accessible. Bathrooms and water fountains will remain closed and not accessible. Attendees must come with wudhu and bring their own water bottles.

#### **Recommendations**

- Children under the age of 14, adults older than the age of 65, and immune compromised individuals are requested to avoid attending during this phase.
- Jummah prayer will be accessible only to those whom it is obligatory upon; therefore females are requested to continue to pray at home.
- Any person who has been ill with cold like symptoms (coughing, shortness of breath, or fever) within the last 2 weeks or has been in contact with ill or confirmed COVID-19 positive individuals must refrain from attending.
- Any person who has traveled in the past 14 days must refrain from attending.
- Any person who is a frontline healthcare worker must refrain from attending.
- Any person who attends a prayer and subsequently tests positive for COVID-19 must inform the masjid immediately.
- Please exercise caution in your decision to attend prayers at the Masjid, it is not obligatory upon you to attend.

#### **Acknowledgement of Risk**

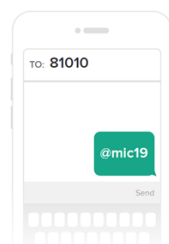
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Please reach out to masjid leadership should you have any questions at [info@memphisislamiccenter.org](mailto:info@memphisislamiccenter.org)

Sincerely,  
Memphis Islamic Center

Jummah Registration

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