



Canadian Council of Imams (CCI) and Muslim Medical Association of Canada (MMAC)

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Bismillah hirRahman nirRaheem

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Abundant Peace, Blessings and Salutations upon the Prophet Muhammad (S)

The Canadian Council of Imams (CCI) and the Muslim Medical Association of Canada (MMAC) have held further meetings to discuss the unprecedented COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic and the implications for the health of all Canadians, and in particular the Muslim Community.

The two organizations have agreed to the following:

1. **We strongly recommend ALL Masjids and Musallahs to suspend all Programs including the Five Daily Congregational Prayers and the Friday Jumu'a prayer effective immediately until April 5, 2020 or until further notice.** Alternative arrangements such as virtual attendance for Khutbahs or advising congregants to pray at home are reasonable accommodations.
2. **A rationale for our position statements** regarding COVID-19 accompanies this statement release, and is to be disseminated by both organizations, their members and community partners electronically and/or in print to reach as many members of the Canadian Muslim community as possible.

We implore you to implement these recommendations as soon as possible and look forward to providing regular updates. As Muslims, we must do our part to reduce the spread of this virus. In this difficult time we must remain calm, have trust in Allah (SWT) and increase our attention to Him (SWT). We ask everyone to pray for the well-being of the entire global humanity while staying engaged in Zikr and Duaa.

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