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Muslim Association of Taranaki Incorporated

## Masjid Continued Operation

Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

Dear all brothers and sisters,

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and iman in this blessed month of Ramadhan.

The re-opening of masjid trial days have come to an end and alhamdulillah, we have received valuable feedback and suggestions along with good observations, which we believe shall add value to the continuous operation of the masjid. Additionally, the legislations on Covid 19 in regards to the maximum attendees in the masjid have been relaxed to a certain degree.

Viewing the aforementioned, the committee has come to a conclusion that the below-listed changes / specifics (in bold and italics) to be effective from tomorrow 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020, moving forward:

- ***Juma'ah, Tarawih, Sunnah, Nawafil and Witr salah shall be permitted in the masjid.***
- ***Male children below the age of 12 are strictly not allowed to be in the masjid. Guardian accompanied male children aged 12 and above shall be allowed to perform salah in the masjid. Male children aged 16 and above shall be allowed to attend the masjid salah without their guardian. A maximum of 10 attendees per group are permitted in both ladies' and men's area each. The entry and exit points of each area should be maintained. This means that person entering into the men's area must exit via the same route and likewise on the ladies' area. Please do not cross over between these areas through any other means of access. Physical contact between any of the groups is strictly prohibited.*** In case of attendees exceeding 10, the 11<sup>th</sup> person onwards shall be strictly disallowed to perform the salah in that group, but to wait in their vehicle until the first group of 10 attendees has completed the salah. Waiting outside the building is strictly disallowed to eliminate resource consent issues. ***Please wait in your vehicle in any case to eliminate noise-issues, especially in the evenings.*** Late-comers must perform headcounts prior to joining the salah to ensure that he does not break the 10-man rule.
- Maghrib salah must be completed within 5 to 7 minutes due to the duration limitation itself. This shall enable the subsequent group to perform salah if need be. Please be punctual if you intend to perform your Maghrib salah.
- You must perform your wudhu' at home.
- You are strongly advised to wear your own face mask. Face mask are also provided in the masjid and they are placed on the donation box desk, but please do not take any if not required. If you have taken one and used it, please discard after using and do not reuse.
- Toilets and wudhu' areas shall be strictly out-of-bound.
- You must bring your own sajjadah (prayer mat) for salah.
- ***You must get your name and contact number registered AFTER each salah. Please do not pre-book your place in the google form. The registrar shall be the person responsible in registering all attendees present in that particular group. During each session of Juma'ah, Isyak and Tarawih, the Imam shall be the***

**registrar. During other times, this registrar duty shall be performed by ONLY ONE of the attendees in each group when the committee member or a nominated volunteer by the committee is unavailable.** This form **MUST** be filled-up in order to facilitate contact tracing should things go wrong. Please be noted that random inspection by the committee member shall be conducted **at any point of time**. If rules are consistently bridged, a review shall be performed accordingly.

The attendance Google sign-in form is on this link – <https://forms.gle/B6xaD75UgJb9Yo2fA>

- You must maintain a 1m distance from each other during each salah. **This 1m distance rule does not apply to guardian and son/s or family members as they are from the same bubble.** Refer to the masking tape markings on the carpet. Please do not remove these tapes.
- Bodily contact with each other is strictly prohibited at all times. **Again this does not apply to guardian and son/s or family members as they are from the same bubble.**
- **You shall be allowed to use the sound system only when the ladies' area is occupied concurrently.**
- **After each salah, you must leave the masjid premise immediately after registering your name and contact number.**
- All the commonly-contacted points (eg door knobs, door combination keypad, light switches, air-con remote control, **sound system**) in the masjid must be sanitized with disinfectant after each salah to maintain hygiene for the next session. We will need to rely on volunteers amongst the attendees to ensure that this is achieved. A disinfectant together with a disposable kitchen roll shall be placed on the donation box desk **for the men's area and on the kitchen counter for the ladies' area**. Please use them wisely. In the event that these items run out, there will be replacements.
- Please use the hand sanitizers provided when necessary, especially after the afore-mentioned cleaning is completed.
- When you're outside the masjid, maintain social distance from each other.
- **Ladies, female children and senior citizens (regardless if healthy) are strictly not permitted to perform salah in the masjid.** If you are unwell or have been around people who are, please do not go to the masjid.
- Step back and think before you touch anything in the masjid. Avoid it wherever possible.
- Reverse parking your car is to be observed at all times, regardless of the number of vehicles onsite. Please refer to the parking plan attached.

**Signs illustrating the key points on the rules above shall be placed at the masjid for your kind reminders. We look forward to your continued patience and full cooperation (refer attached).**

For any doubts / queries / issues, please do not hesitate to contact:  
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Jezakumullahu khairan kathira.  
Barakallahu feequm.

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