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Muslim Association of Taranaki Incorporated

Masjid Continued Operation – New 100 limit for congregation

Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi ta'ala wabarakatuh.

Dear all brothers and sisters,

Alhamdulillah, with Allah's permission, the Juma'ah, Tarawih and Eid salah took place with ease. Jezakumullahu khairan for the full cooperation rendered thus far.

The government has announced that the new limit for gathering shall be officially increased to 100 by tomorrow midday, the 29th of May 2020.

With this, it only make sense to implement the associated changes (in bold and italics) to be effective from tomorrow 29th May 2020 :

- ***Fardh and Juma'ah salah shall resume as per normal (pre-Covid) in terms of number of attendees in the masjid.***
- ***Females shall be allowed to perform only the five fardh salah in the masjid as it has been observed that the attendance for these salah have been very minimal. The Juma'ah salah shall not accommodate the females due to the governing 1m distance spacing requirement which determines the total floor area to be occupied by the males.***
- ***Visitors from other regions shall be required to make contact with the committee and follow the rules stipulated herein to perform salah 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. ***The same applies to female children. A maximum of 100 attendees per group are permitted in total to occupy the combination of ladies' and men's area. The entry and exit points of each area need not be maintained. This means that person entering into the men's area may now exit via the ladies' area and vice versa, ie crossing over in-between these areas is permissible now. However, physical contact with each other is still prohibited.***
- ***Maghrib salah shall resume as per pre-Covid.***
- You must perform your wudhu' at home.
- ***Wearing face mask is recommended.***
- Toilets and wudhu' areas shall be strictly out-of-bound.
- You must bring your own sajjadah (prayer mat) for salah.
- ***You must sign-in your name and contact number prior or after each salah. There shall be sign-in form in each area.*** 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 breached, a review shall be performed accordingly.
The attendance Google sign-in form will not be used any longer. 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 tape markings on the carpet. Please do not remove these tapes.

- ***Please be reminded that the prohibition of bodily contact with each other is still 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, ***pen provided for signing in***) 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 ***and signing-in / out*** is completed.
- When you're outside the masjid, maintain social distance from each other.
- ***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.
- ***The Friday food sale shall not resume tomorrow. An official announcement shall be made on that in due course.***

Please remind each other to sign-in / out as required. There shall be no nominated committee member to perform these checks from tomorrow onwards. We are highly depending on our trust in you.

We look forward to your continued patience and full cooperation.

For any doubts / queries / issues, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Jezakumullahu khairan kathira.

Barakallahu feequm.

Raziff Amin

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