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## Coordination Committee for Mosques and Islamic Centres, London

# New Lockdown for England Starting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

As-salamu alaikum

A new four-week lockdown across England to try to keep the coronavirus under control have been announced by the Prime Minister this week.

The new lockdown rules do not allow for congregational prayers to take place at places of worship. Individual prayers will be allowed to continue, however, this concept is not compatible with Mosque's which are mostly based on congregational prayers.

**The undersigned Mosques have taken the difficult decision to suspend all prayers and activities from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

**This means that congregational prayer within the Mosque will be temporarily suspended following Isha on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

This is a decision that was not taken lightly and has been done to prevent the further spread of the virus in our mosques and the UK at large, with the foremost being the protection of the elderly and vulnerable amongst our communities. We look to reopen the Mosque for prayers in line with the Government decision which is currently set at Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.

We ask everyone to pray salah at home. Our Mosques & Islamic Centres will do their best to be available on telephone and online to provide guidance and answer questions during this period.. We urge our communities to heed governmental advice regarding social interactions and precautions to help reduce and contain the spread of the virus. This is an ethical and Islamic duty upon each and every one.

We are endeavouring to engage with the Government to review its position and to allow for congregational prayers within Covid19 restrictions. We will keep you updated in due course of any change.

(قُلْ لَنْ يُصِيبَنَا إِلَّا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَنَا هُوَ مَوْلَانَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ)

التوبة: 51

“Say, ‘Never will happen to us except what Allāh has decreed for us; He is our Protector.’ And upon Allah let the believers place their trust/reliance.” [9:51]

May Allah keep us all safe

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- The Islamic Cultural Centre & The London Central Mosque Trust
- UKIM West London Islamic Centre
- East London Mosque & London Muslim Centre
- Finsbury Park Mosque
- Al Manaar – Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre
- Al Muntada Al Islami & WLICC
- Muslim Welfare House
- Mayfair Islamic Centre
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