

GMWA - Masjid E Umar: Guidelines For Eid Prayer & Practises During Covid-19

Assalamo Alaikum

The last couple of months and particularly the blessed month of Ramadan have been very challenging times for all of us. During this time, the GMWA took the decision to close Masjid e Umar for all activities including the congregational prayer - sadly, this will continue to be the case for this Eid-ul-Fitr. Alhamdulillah, to date, our congregation has demonstrated huge resolve and we believe that this has contributed to minimising the spread of the virus and, ultimately, in saving lives. Whilst Masjid e Umar will have to remain closed for this Eid, some Ulama have suggested that, on this occasion, we can perform Eid prayer at home with a minimum of 4 adult males from the same household. Other Ulama have suggested we can perform two or four rakats Salaat al-Duhaa (chaasht) individually, which is mustahab for someone who misses the Eid jama'at.

In summary those who wish to perform Eid Salah at home in congregation and meet the requirements of having a minimum 4 adult males from the same household, can do so as there is no requirement for a Khutbah to be given. Otherwise perform 2 or 4 rakats of Salaat al Duhaa (Chaast) individually at home.

At Masjid e Umar, we strongly advise you to continue to adhere to government social distancing guidelines and resist the temptation to visit relatives and friends who do not live with you in the same household.

After Eid we should continue the positive actions we have performed in Ramadan - such as prayers, charity and recitation of the Holy Quran. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) encouraged people to follow up Ramadan with additional fasts after Eid: "Whoever fasts and follows it up with six from Shawal, he has the equivalent of fasting the whole year."

Finally, from everybody at the GMWA and Masjid e Umar, would like to wish you, your families and friends – a very happy and blessed 'Eid Mubarak.'

**Eid Mubarak To Everyone.
'Stay At Home, Pray At Home'**

