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COVID-19 Advice to Mosques

- Follow all the directives of Public Health Canada and encourage congregants to do the same.
- If Public Health Canada puts out a request to cancel all public gatherings and/or close mosques, then all mosques must comply and stop congregational prayers including Friday prayers.
- Add hand sanitizers around the mosque. Encourage congregants to use them regularly.
- Steam clean the carpets every few months, particularly the front rows.
- Clean the washrooms with disinfectants more regularly.
- Encourage congregants who feel unwell to pray at home. Emphasize that praying at the mosque is optional, but not harming your fellow Muslims is obligatory.
- Encourage the elderly and those with compromised immune systems to pray at home, particularly if they feel unwell.
- Encourage congregants who have recently returned from travel, especially if from China, Italy, Iran, etc... to pray from home and self-isolate for 14 days.
- Encourage those who feel unwell to get tested.
- Discourage hand shaking, hugging and other physical greetings.
- Remind congregants of the merit of washing hands in the Prophetic tradition.
- Remind congregants regarding Islam's views on
 - Taking preventive measures
 - The obligation of preventing harm from others
 - Destiny, fate and predestination
 - Disease and suffering in this world as a cleansing for the next
 - The merits and benefits of trust in Allah
 - The stories of Muslim communities of the past who faced plague and how they dealt with it
- Encourage congregants to ask Allah Mighty and Majestic for safety and wellbeing for themselves and fellow Muslims