



UPDATE 3/16/2020

Muslim Community Center's Response to the Coronavirus Outbreak: UPDATE

Assalamu-Alaikum

From the Leadership of MCC, we pray for the health of you and your family. Inshallah with continued guidance from the Scholars and Health Officials, we will provide you up to date information as we receive it. Below is further guidance:

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING GATHERINGS ARE CANCELED OR POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AT THE MCC MORTON GROVE AND ELSTON LOCATIONS:

- ****NEW** ALL SALAH AT BOTH MASAJID ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**
- MCC Committee Events/Lectures/Classes (small or large)
- All Imam lectures
- Live Interview Rehab and Welfare Zakat Distribution and Project Rizq Food Drive
- Private Events such as nikkahs, aqiqqahs and other events
- All Jummahs Khutbahs
- Full-time, Saturday and Sunday School

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS ARE STILL CONTINUING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

- Office hours will be limited at this time as no further bookings of halls or events are allowed. Staff will be redirected for building support matters.
- For Janazah preparations please email info@muslimfuneralservices.com or call Muslim Funeral Services @ 815 -549-9400. Prayer services direction will be given at the time of request.

***** STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER NEWS*****

NEXT STEPS: ALL MCC ELSTON, MORTON GROVE AND SKOKIE LOCATIONS

1. MCC Operations Department will complete the following actions at all locations:
 - Wiping down all common area touchpoints (e.g., doors, light switches, countertops, sinks faucets , faucet handles etc.) throughout the day with an EPA certified disinfectant.
 - Placing hand sanitizers in common areas throughout the buildings.
 - Performing added in-depth cleaning of our facility on a regular basis.
2. **In Addition, All MCC Elston, Morton Grove And Skokie locations**
 - Shampooing the men's and women's Prayer area and rugs by professional 3rd party company
 - Specialized Disinfection of all MCC locations will be conducted weekly by professional 3rd party company.



REMINDERS

As a Reminder Safety Tips per the CDC

- Fever, Cough and Shortness of breath should seek medical attention.
- Restrict your activities in public areas if you are ill and avoid close contact with others, this includes the Masjid.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry.
- Soap and water are the best option if hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Abstain from handshaking.
- If you are traveling overseas, follow the CDC's guidance: wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel
- Currently, there are no vaccines available to prevent novel coronavirus infections.

How severe is novel Coronavirus?

Most coronavirus illnesses are mild with fever and cough. The vast majority of people with novel coronavirus infection do not require hospital care. A much smaller percentage of people get severely ill with lung and breathing problems like pneumonia. **Elderly people and individuals with underlying medical conditions are at highest risk.**

How is Coronavirus spread per the CDC?

- Through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- By touching a surface or object with the virus and then touching the mouth, nose, or eyes.

More information can be found on <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-community-faith-organizations.html>

We are in direct contact with the Skokie Health Department and they are advising us on a day to day basis.

We encourage you to stay home and away from public spaces if you are feeling sick and to seek the care of a physician.

May Allah protect and preserve all of our families during this time of trial and tribulation.

Jazakallahu Khair,

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