



SALAH IN CONGREGATION WHILE STANDING APART

Alhamdulillah, through Allah's grace and kindness, the Masajid (Mosques) are being opened once again, and Muslims are now being allowed to visit their places of worship for all Salah (prayers). Muslims, especially males, should appreciate this favor from Allah and try their best to perform the five daily Salah and Jumu'ah in the Masajid. However, while doing so, they should follow the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Health which have been given for those desirous of attending their places of worship. While implementing these guidelines, we wish to clarify the following:-

- 1. Performing Salah while wearing the face mask is permissible for health/medical reasons, and there is no prohibition in doing so. Salah is valid with it.*
- 2. Using hand sanitizers while attending the Masjid to perform Salah is permissible even if it contains alcohol.*
- 3. Standing apart from each other (to practice social distancing of an arm's length) for Salah in congregation, is acceptable and allowed due to the present situation of trying to decrease the spread of the **COVID-19**. Fardh Salah performed in this manner by males and females is permissible under the present state, and will be valid as being '**Salah in Jamaat**'.*

Although these are not normal practices for performing Salah in congregation or attending the Masajid, it will be allowed for Muslims to follow these guidelines since they are laws of the Ministry of Health which must be implemented.

By following these guidelines, our Salah at the Masajid in congregation would not be affected, and Insha Allah, will be acceptable to Allah.

And Allah Knows best
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