



Dear Brothers and sisters

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

Alhumdulliah due to the persistence of our Muslim organisations and leaders, the NZ government has made the following exceptions for Eid-UI- Fitr prayers for 2020

**New Zealand Muslim Association (NZMA) Eid-UI-Fitr Prayer**

Eid prayers may be performed at NZMA Masjids and Islamic Centres on Sunday/Monday (dependent on moon sighting). The NZ government has released its latest options for mass gatherings

1. Groups of 10 persons can perform the prayer with a minimum of **1m physical distance** from each other and minimum of 2m physical distance from each group. Multiple groups of 10 persons per group may be permissible or,
2. Unlimited persons may attend mass gathering provided there is at least a **2m physical distance** from each other

Please note the options selected will be at the discretion of each branch and its Executive Committee. Multiple Eid-UI-Fitr prayer sessions will be available at each branch. Please follow each branch for exact details and timings.

**New Zealand Muslim Association (NZMA) Eid-UI-Fitr Prayer Protocols**

1. High-risk people to remain at home (Elderly and people with pre-existing medical conditions)
2. Any person with flu symptoms will be turned away
3. **All attendees** will be required to fill the **“Public Register”** for all entries and exits from the Masjids and Islamic Centres. Please allow time for this task
4. Physical distancing inside all Masjids and Islamic Centres will be mandatory, no hugs, no handshakes, no physical contact and no unnecessary congregations or commotion inside or outside the Masjid. One-meter rule will be strictly enforced
5. Ensure good hand hygiene, make Wudu before entering Masjid, **wear socks and bring your own prayer mats**
6. Children over the age of 10 will be allowed to attend the Eid prayer with their father/guardian
7. We encourage our female sisters to observe Eid prayers at their homes this year and Insha Allah we will resume back to normality next year
8. Bring your own water bottles, tissues and hand sanitisers to use at the Masjid. The Masjid committee will provide some of these at the premises too

Please follow the simple rules upon arriving for Eid prayer

**1. Ensure strict 1m distance upon arrival, 2. Fill out the Public Register, 3. Sanitise your hands thoroughly, 4. Sit at your designated area as per committee instructions**

Eid-Mubarak to you and your family. Keep safe and we appreciate your understanding, patience and support. May Allah forgive us for any shortcomings and protect us all. Ameen.