



Alert Level	Behaviour & Measures (Govt)	Masjid Attendance and Congregational Prayers
Level 2	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reduce</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep attendees 1 metre apart - All gatherings can have up to 10 people, whether the gathering is indoors or outdoors. This excludes people leading or working at the gathering - Keep high hygiene standards and wash your hands regularly - Record attendees to ensure contact tracing can be done if necessary - If more than one separate area is used (for example, a building and a separate marquee), each area can have a maximum of 10 people. The people in each area cannot have contact with each other. That means each area must have its own entrance(s) and exit(s), bathrooms etc. - Clean all surfaces before and after the gathering with disinfectant spray - People should not share drinks, cups, plates, cutlery or other items - You can't participate in any gatherings or events if you have COVID-19 symptoms or if you need to be in isolation/quarantine for any reason 	<p style="text-align: center;">Masjid opens with restrictions and subject to NZMA approval</p> <p><u>General Guidelines at Level 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our preference is people still observe their prayers at home, however we will allow up to 10 people to attend selected gatherings at the Masjid as per below with restrictions and maintaining high hygiene standards - High-risk people to remain at home (Elderly and people with pre-existing medical conditions) - Any person with flu symptoms will be turned away - International travellers advised to stay home, unless 14-day self-isolation/quarantine has been completed - Attendees will be required to fill the "Public Register" for all entries and exits from the Masjids and Islamic Centres - Physical distancing inside all Masjids and Islamic Centres will be mandatory - Good hand hygiene, making Wudu before entering Masjid, wearing socks and bringing your own prayer mats will be mandatory <p><u>Daily & Jumah Prayers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Daily prayers capped at 10 persons per session. Multiple sessions maybe required for Maghrib & Isha prayers at the discretion of each branch. Physical distancing rules must be applied (see over the page for guidelines) - Jumah prayers capped at only 10 persons per session. Multiple sessions maybe required at the discretion of each branch. Physical distancing rules must be applied (see over the page for guidelines) - No cooking or catering at premises during level 2 <p><u>Ramadan & Iftar Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tarawih prayers capped at 10 persons per session. We humbly request that all children under 10 years & females remain at home - No Itikaf will be held at Masjid & Islamic centres. <p>Nafil Itikaf can still be observed at your homes and is highly recommended</p> <p><u>Eid Prayers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to the strict government restrictions on gatherings, Eid prayers will not be performed at the Masjid as its not feasible <p>You can instead pray four Raka'h of Salat-ul-Dhuha at home individually. If you choose to have a gathering of 10 people (as per Alert Level 2 requirement) in a place, then you can perform full Eid Salah. It need not be in the Masjid; it can be anywhere that is suitable for Salah. If the person leading Eid Salah is not capable of delivering a khutbah, that is acceptable to only perform two Raka'h of Eid</p>

Any breaches to the above must be reported to New Zealand Muslim Association (NZMA) and mitigation action to be taken to avoid repeated incidents.



COVID-19 Level 2 New Zealand Muslim Association (NZMA) – Public Requirements

Who should be coming to the Masjid during Alert level 2?

1. Only come to the Masjid if you are in good health and free of any COVID-19 like symptoms
2. **Any person with flu symptoms will be turned away, please don't risk others in your community**
3. International travellers advised to stay home, unless 14-day self-isolation has been completed
4. **If you are immunocompromised** i.e. Cancer, Alzheimer's disease, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, dementia, heart disease, liver disease or chronic diabetes we strongly urge you stay home until the Pandemic is cleared by WHO

How can I prepare to come to the Masjid during Alert level 2?

1. Our preference is people still observe their prayers at home, however we will allow up to 10 people to attend selected gatherings at the Masjid with restrictions and maintaining high hygiene standards
2. **Bring your own prayer mats to Masjid, wear clean socks to ensure carpets are clean, make Wudu at home and preferably shower before coming to the Masjid**
3. 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
4. Pray all your sunnah prayers at home. Only perform Fardh prayers at the Masjid. The Masjid will only open 10 minutes before Adhan and will be closed after each prayer
5. Please make Wudu at home. Masjid toilets & Wudu facilities to be only used in emergency only
6. **Ensure you keep a hand sanitiser inside your car and clean your hands before coming to the Masjid and clean your hands as you leave the Masjid**
7. Please ensure you are following 1m physical distancing rule either inside or outside the Masjid
8. Attendees will be required to fill the **"Public Register"** for all entries and exits from the Masjid and Islamic Centres
9. Please ensure your phone's **"sharing your location"** function is turned on in-case contact tracing is required

What are the expected behaviours inside the Masjid during Alert level 2?

1. Physical distancing rules must be applied i.e. No hugs, no handshakes, no physical contact and no unnecessary congregations or commotion inside or outside the Masjid. One-meter rule will be enforced
2. **During Salah there will be an arm's length gap between Musalee's and a gap between each Saff. This has been agreed by senior Islamic scholars as an acceptable practice during this Pandemic**
3. Please don't enter areas which are marked as **"Closed"**. Only certain areas of the Masjid will be open for use as after each prayer we are required to clean and disinfect all hard and soft surfaces
4. Imam's are expected to keep prayers short i.e. recitation of short surahs only, Jumah Khutbah's will be short, so please show patience
5. Please follow the instructions of the Masjid officials and show patience

What will remainder of Ramadan look like at Level 2 at our Masjid and Islamic Centres?

1. Tarawih prayers will be permissible but capped at 10 persons only. We humbly request that all children under 10 years & females remain at home
2. No Iftar and Itikaf will be held at Masjid & Islamic centres. Due to the governments delay in approving our request for Itikaf, this has unfortunately meant we cannot observe the Sunnah Itikaf inside our Masjid but recommend Nafil Itikaf to be observed inside your homes.
3. **Due to the strict government restrictions on gatherings, Eid prayers will not be performed in our Masjid's**

We appreciate your understanding, patience and support during level 2. May Allah forgive us for any shortcomings and protect us all. Ameen.