

King Fahad Mosque Return to Masjid

POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (RTM)

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1. Introduction and Objective

Over the past two weeks, King Fahad Mosque (KFM) has been hard at work, developing protocols that will further strengthen our policies and behaviors as we prepare to return to the masjid. In addition, we have been preparing our facilities to most effectively protect our congregation in accordance to guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Although recent actions taken by government leaders have begun to lift official stay at home orders, the CDC guidelines continue to make recommendations for taking strict precautions in order to prevent spread of COVID-19.

The purpose of this document is to outline details and provide guidance for the KFM masjid attendees to adhere to, upon returning to the masjid. It is essential for all attendees to follow the outlined procedures to prevent the risk of another future closure.

2. Personal Responsibility:

A key part of ensuring the safety of our congregation is reliance on masjid attendees to take an oath of personal responsibility to adhere to the Return to Masjid (RTM) policy. Failure to following the guidelines of this policy places the entire congregation at risk and may result in another closing of the masjid. The policy requires each individual to:

1. Have an increased awareness of COVID-19
2. Read through this policy (and any other related) procedures
3. Agree to abide by all the requirements and stay compliant with the policies set forth in this document to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
4. Agree to respect the safety, security and well-being of other members of the congregation and its volunteers through common sense, decency, honor and integrity.
5. Obey the policies and procedures established by the masjid management.

3. Entry to Masjid:

We will be conducting an entry screening for the congregation before entering the facility for Phase 1 (at KFM). Phase 1 will include only Fajr Salah and Isha Salah. This screening will include checking the following:

- For KFM, Phase 1, will commence with check-in process, about 20 minutes prior to Salah Iqamah. Check-in process will stop at Iqamah.
- All attendees must arrive 20 minutes prior to Salat Iqamah.

- As per the CDC guidelines, a maximum of 100 attendees including the staff, the volunteers, and security members will be allowed.
- Entry to the masjid will be done through the documented registration process in Section 10.3. Once the allotted capacity has been reached, the masjid doors shall be locked.
- All attendees will provide a written confirmation that the individual is healthy, does not have an elevated body temperature, and has not been in contact with any sick patient within the past 24 hours before the Salat Iqamah. Attendees without the afore-said written confirmation will not be allowed to enter or remain at the premises.
- Attendees will have to provide a written confirmation prior to each salat.
- KFM will have a designated area to pray during this time. Attendees are requested to stay at their designated area only.
- Confirm the individual has reviewed King Fahad Mosque's published RTM policy
- Check the individual has a face mask and understands the requirement to wear it in the prayer area at all times. If someone does not have a facemask, they will not be allowed to enter or remain on the masjid premises. No exceptions will be made in this matter.
- There shall be a minimum of 2 confirmed trained volunteers for check-ins. Volunteers may be rotated each week.
- There must be full cooperation with the check-in volunteers. Any issues will require intervention from the on-site security chief.
- There shall only be one entrance for check-ins.
- Check-in volunteers shall lock the masjid premises gate 5 minutes prior to the prayer start. Check-in volunteers/security shall remain outside throughout and will not participate in the prayers. This protocol is necessary to prevent last-minute attendees from entering the masjid premises.
- Once all pre-checks have been completed successfully, the individual will be permitted to enter the masjid.
- Check-in volunteers/security will have the final authority to refuse an attendee from entering the premises for Salah as they deem necessary.
- A staff member will be placed to monitor the check-in volunteers operations to ensure smooth process.
- Staff members will not have any authority to bypass the check-in volunteers or security.
- All attendees must bring their own prayer rug and must take their rugs back with them.
- Prayer rugs must be a minimum size of 45" by 27" in size. Smaller prayer rugs will not be permitted.
- Any other cloth or paper rug will not be permitted.
- All attendees must complete their ablution (wudu') at home prior to arriving at the masjid. Under no circumstances will the masjid provide any facilities for wudu or restroom use. In the event, an attendee's wudu breaks before or during the prayer, they may leave and go home to complete their prayer. This is in accordance with the strict guidelines established by the CDC.

4. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Requirements

This section provides guidance and details on appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) usage as to reduce potential exposure and further protect our congregation. The following are types of PPE used for protection and issues that may be encountered when working to keep the masjid congregation safe regarding COVID-19. This overview provides general training and guidance.

4.1 N95 face masks

N95 face masks or equivalent are primarily intended for use by health care workers who work in higher exposure risk settings, or those assisting or working directly with someone known or suspected to have COVID-19. As a result, we are not recommending the use of N95 masks for voluntary protection from COVID-19. As N95 face masks become more available this practice will be re-evaluated. At the same time, we will not stop someone from entering the masjid with an N95.

4.2 Medical facemasks or cloth face masks

Medical facemasks, cloth face masks, or other face coverings shall be required for masjid attendees, due to the risk of proximity to each other less than 6ft. The masjid will be unable to guarantee having available face masks at the masjid. As such attendees need to bring a face mask with them. Masjid attendees, volunteers, and staff members, without face masks will not be permitted in the masjid at this time. Attendees that remove face masks while in the masjid will be asked to leave immediately.

4.3 Gloves

Gloves of any type are not be permitted for masjid attendees. The CDC guidance indicates that wearing gloves in public will spread germs and do more harm than good. In addition, the process of removing gloves correctly is difficult and will likely do more harm. This is also confirmed by infectious disease experts around the country. The more effective practice is to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Note, for individuals that are involved in cleaning the masjid, chemical gloves may be required while performing disinfecting operations.

4.4 Body coveralls

Body coveralls or similar protective clothing may be necessary when performing cleaning and/or disinfection activities. They will not be permitted or required for regular masjid attendees.

4.5 PPE Cleansing

To decrease the possibility of exposure to COVID-19, PPE must be cleaned before and after each use. In particular, this process applies to face masks. Please ensure you are following this guideline.

4.6 Disposable PPE

Disposable PPE and must be discarded appropriately outside the masjid. Disposing of PPE in any other masjid garbage bin or other location is not permitted. Leaving any used PPE at the masjid poses a risk to the cleaning staff.

4.7 Damaged PPE

If PPE is damaged, it should be discarded and replaced immediately. A torn face mask will create additional risk as well as losing its effectiveness.

4.8 Do the following

- Do - Use the facemask to completely cover your nose and mouth
- Do - Read the directions provided to you on use of the medical facemask
- Do - Put the facemask on properly and adjust it as necessary while in the masjid
- Do - Wash your hands and face after removing the facemask before touching your face
- Do – Keep the facemask clean by laundering or ironing
- Do - Replace your facemask right away if it becomes damaged or in any way unsanitary

4.9 Don't do the following

- Don't - Let the facemask obstruct your vision
- Don't - Wear a facemask that causes any difficulty in your ability to breathe
- Don't – Wear a facemask that causes your safety glasses or reading glasses to fog up and impair your vision
- Don't - Let your facemask hang down around your neck
- Don't - Place your facemask on a surface where it may contaminate the surface or lay it on a surface that may already be contaminated
- Don't - Use your facemask if it is damaged in any way
- Don't – Remove your face mask while in the masjid

5. Social Distancing Practices

Enhancing processes that support social distancing recommendations, which can include modifying and managing masjid arrangements such as Musallah prayer locations, basement area, lobby capacity, restroom capacity and parking lot capacity.

The new Musallah prayer location will be the basement area downstairs or the upstairs parking lot area depending upon the designation by the management.

5.1 Definition:

Social distancing: means remaining out of congregate space, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) from others. Where distance cannot be maintained, limit the time of close interaction as much as possible.

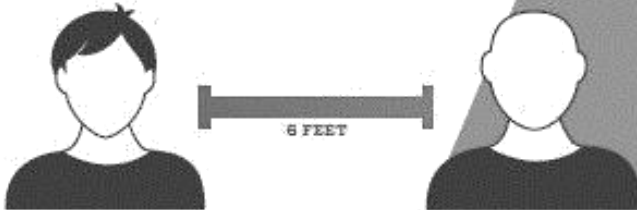
5.2 Scope:

Develop and deploy a comprehensive set of social distancing guidelines and best practices that can be used by King Fahad Mosque. The scope will include all areas inside the masjid facilities including the Musallahs, lobby areas, restrooms, offices, stairwells, basement areas, classrooms, hallway areas, and parking lot. In addition, areas just outside the masjid such as entry areas, walk-ways, and parking lot will all be considered.

5.3 Overview:

- Masjid attendees should stop all handshakes and avoid physical touching.
- Do not share items with one another. For example, any masjid paper copies/flyers (rely on digital content on the masjid monitors or online platforms)
- Do not bring any food items in the masjid (e.g. baked treats or other snack items) or outside of the masjid (e.g. cookies, dates, Shawarma, etc.) will not be permitted in the near-term.
- The social distancing protocol applies to all staff, volunteers, management, and masjid attendees.
- Weather permitting, main entrance door will be kept ajar during key transition times to minimize handling of door handles and maintain proper crowd. Security personnel and masjid security team will be on duty to mitigate any security risk.
- Modifications to common congregation points including lobbies, restrooms, offices, conference rooms, classrooms, entrance areas, basements, etc.
- Areas will be marked for attendees to put their prayer rug and pray during the salat.
- Attendees will not be allowed to socialize amongst themselves or with the imam
- All attendees will be required to leave in an orderly fashion, as instructed by the masjid personnel.
- Women should only pray in their marked and designated areas.
- Congregation is advised to keep a hand sanitizer in their cars, to use immediately after entering their car, and to refrain from touching their eyes and face until hands are disinfected.

HOW TO DO **SOCIAL DISTANCING**



**MAINTAIN
DISTANCE**

approximately 6 feet/2 meters from others when possible

**DON'T
CONGREGATE**



**AVOID
MASS GATHERINGS**

**LIMIT TIME OF
CLOSE INTERACTION**

as much as possible, not to exceed 10 minutes



6. Procedures Guidance

In addition to the guidance around PPE and social distancing, please also review the specific procedures below:

6.1 Enhanced Environmental Cleaning Protocol

The masjid has implemented rigorous decontamination and disinfection protocols for all the KFM facilities, which includes the Musallahs, the common areas, restrooms, classrooms, and offices.

As part of our personal obligation to help with this we would request everyone to avoid physical contact as much as possible with surfaces, doors, and knobs in the masjid. All of these areas will be continually disinfected.

6.2 Hand washing

As mentioned in the PPE section, gloves will not be permitted in the masjid. The more effective practice is to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. There will be hand sanitizer stations available in the masjid.

6.3 No handshakes/hugs

As part of social distancing, masjid attendees shall refrain from physical contact which includes handshakes, hugs, and kisses with each other and the imam. Adopting non-contact greetings until further notice will help manage the spread of germs. This policy extends outside the masjid to the outdoor areas and parking lots, where social distancing is also expected.

6.4 Staying home when sick

If you are having any illness symptoms including fevers, cough, runny nose, sinus problems, or shortness of breath or fatigue, it is imperative that you stay at home and do not attend the masjid to avoid possible transmission of illness to others in the congregation. The masjid staff and management are advised to follow the same protocols.

6.5 Restroom Use

Until further notice, wudu/ablution must be done at home. Performing wudu in the public restroom can lead to aerosolization of the virus and spread to all nearby surfaces. As a result, the masjid restrooms will be locked. All attendees, staff, management, and volunteers will have to use their restrooms at home. Absolutely, no one will be provided any restroom facilities, even in cases of emergency.

6.6 No meeting in the Masjid

There shall be no waiting or congregating in close proximity inside or outside ~~near~~ the mosque. Masjid attendees should proceed directly to the designated musallah upon entry. Upon the completion of the salah, the individuals should promptly exit the masjid in an orderly manner. For the safety of the congregation, we would kindly request all social discussions to take place outside the masjid, while maintaining appropriate social distancing.

To avoid other areas of close proximity, the men's shoe area will be closed. Shoes shall be removed and placed in the designated area marked for shoes.

Upon leaving the facility social distancing rules shall continue outside the masjid including the parking lot areas.

7. Phased Re-Opening

The re-opening of KFM masjid will be done in a phased approach as indicated below. The timing of each of these phases will be determined by the KFM Management, with consideration of CDC guidelines and infectious disease experts and facility readiness. It may be noted that phases will be implemented at any given time, according to the size as well as staff, volunteer and equipment availability.

A few considerations for planning a re-opening (or closing) date shall include:

- KFM masjid shall not be re-opened until facility readiness has been achieved.
- Two weeks of sustained COVID cases in decline shall be observed (in respective areas).
- A potential trigger to monitor may include the performance of elective surgeries at nearby hospitals given its prominence within CDC phases
- RTM policy approval by KFM Management
- Staff and volunteers available as required

It would also be noted that following phases may be moved in either direction, e.g. if required, phase 3 can be scaled back to phase 2, instead of moving forward to phase 4, depending on the success or failure of any phase.

7.1 Phase 1 – Fajr and Isha Daily Fardh Prayers within allotted capacity

The re-opening of the masjid shall begin with the daily Fajr and Isha prayers. The number of attendees shall be limited to the capacity allowances indicated on the Musallah entrance. Once the capacity has been reached, the gates will be locked for additional attendees. The

salat protocol and safe spacing will be modified as per guidance from our management (this shall be done initially, prior to opening and then revisited as the CDC/expert guidance changes).

Attendees permitted in first phase: Adults age 14-65; Youth under 14 not permitted; Adults over 65 are strongly discouraged from attending masjid in first phase; Children and elderly not permitted in phase 1. A maximum of 10 women will be permitted to attend the salat. Women will not be permitted to enter with children. Phase 1 will include the registration protocol outlined in section 10.3 of this document.

Phase 1 opening suggested date – Soon after the “stay at home” orders are lifted and the masjid readiness has been satisfactorily accomplished. Tentative date is set at Wednesday, June 10th.

7.2 Phase 2 – Five Daily Fardh Prayers and Jumu'ah

The second phase will begin at a minimum, four weeks after the re-opening of phase 1. This will provide time to evaluate the success of the re-opening, and determine if any additional actions are required, e.g. adding staff, additional equipment, or opening/closing of certain facility access points.

In addition, the results of Phase 1 re-opening shall not result in any increase or occurrence of COVID-19 amongst the masjid congregation or a surge in the surrounding community.

Age restriction guidelines shall follow the same protocol as Phase-1: Adults age 14-65; Youth under 14 not permitted; Adults over 65 are strongly discouraged from attending masjid in 2nd phase as well. Phase 2 process shall follow the registration and scan card protocol documented in section 10.3 of this policy.

7.3 Phase 3 – Five Daily Fardh Prayers, Jumu'ah and select programs

Following a minimum of four weeks of Phase 2, if there ~~are~~ is no incidence of an increase of COVID-19 cases amongst the masjid congregation or a surge in the surrounding community, Phase 3 may commence. Phase 3 will contain programs such as Seerah, Tafseer, Q&A amongst others. The community will be informed of such programs.

Age restriction at this time shall be lifted, however KFM Management highly recommends the very young and very old masjid attendees to continue to refrain from attending the masjid.

7.4 Phase 4 – Normal Operations

Phase 4 will be returning the masjid to normal operations. The timing for this phase will depend on the prevalence of COVID-19 in the surrounding community as well as in the

general (e.g. greater Los Angeles county) area. Smaller gatherings will likely be on self-adherence to social distancing.

7.5 Management of Exposure and Risk Assessment Plan

Upon re-opening of KFM masjid, if there is a report a masjid attendee with a COVID positive incident, the following guidelines and protocol shall be followed:

1. As part of the guidance, individual privacy must be respected and ensured.
2. KFM shall establish a COVID Lead at the masjid as the single point of contact for masjid attendees to maintain individual privacy.
3. The masjid attendee shall notify the COVID Lead upon testing positive with COVID and provide the following details to be documented in an incident report:
 - Indicate date and location of being tested positive
 - Indicate the dates of masjid attendance
 - Indicate any specific masjid attendees they came into contact with
4. The masjid COVID Lead shall contact any individual identified by the COVID positive individual, and recommend they contact their Primary Care Physician (PCP) and follow their advice.
5. The masjid management shall immediately convene to assess the risk level to the congregation and determine if any further action is required regarding another temporary closure. Proper documentation of meeting minutes are required.
6. The masjid management shall inform the council immediately with a status update.
7. The masjid management may send a communication to the respective community with a summary and advise if any actions are to be taken

8. Volunteer/Staffing Requirements

8.1 Onsite Paid Security Personnel

In order to assist in resolving disputes and supporting enforcement of the RTM policy, KFM shall have a paid security officer on site. The safety of the masjid congregation is of utmost priority to the KFM Management. Implementation of the RTM protocol and policy guidelines are being implemented for the safety of the community.

8.2 COVID Safety & Traffic Control Volunteers

- All volunteers must be trained on masjid policies and COVID-19 safety measures.
- The masjid shall have a roster of COVID Safety and Traffic Control Volunteers
- Duties will include leveraging parking lot spaces to guide masjid capacity, e.g. 15 cars may equal full capacity reached. Others will be guided towards street parking
- Social distancing guidelines must be followed during while parking cars as well
- Block off parking lot with a "LOT IS FULL" movable large sign to prevent excess number of people

- Managing COVID safety and traffic control at the masjid is a volunteer activity and difficult to handle. **It is essential for the congregation to respect the direction provided by the volunteer staff.** Failure to abide by volunteer directions may lead to an official warning and a subsequent removal from the masjid.

8.3 COVID Safety and Indoor Masjid Volunteers

- Indoor Masjid volunteers will also be monitoring the crowd flow inside the masjid and will be enforcing social distancing. There will be at least one female volunteer inside the masjid during Jumu'ah.
- Volunteers will have a 6-foot yardstick available to demonstrate the appropriate social distance between masjid attendees.
- Volunteers will lock the masjid gate once the capacity has been reached. Note that once capacity has been reached, attendees will be requested to leave and come back at the next prayer. This will be clearly communicated in the communications announcement.

8.4 Masjid Entry Check-in Volunteers

- There shall be 2 volunteers at the masjid entrance doors to check-in the masjid attendees for Jumu'ah during Phase 2.
- There will be a roster of ~6 volunteers to rotate every Friday so as to not burden a small number of volunteers.

9. Facility Readiness

9.1 Hand sanitizer stations

The following steps are required regarding setup of hand sanitizer stations at KFM:

- The management shall determine how many hand sanitizer units will be required and at which locations to install them.
- Upon receiving a total count, have a single coordinated effort to purchase and complete installation.

9.2 Disinfection

The masjid shall implement rigorous decontamination and disinfection protocols for all areas, which includes the Musallahs, the common areas, restrooms, classrooms, and offices.

As part of our personal obligation to help with this, we would request everyone to avoid physical contact as much as possible with surfaces, doors, and knobs in the masjid. All of these areas will be continually disinfected.

9.3 New Lines in Musallah

- All Musallah areas shall be marked indicating new Musalee prayer spaces 6 feet apart.

- In order to accommodate CDC guidelines, the first two phases may begin in the basement or front parking lot of the masjid. The main prayer hall may remain closed. One of these two areas will be marked as the new musallah layout.
- The new Musallah layout will establish the maximum capacity of 100 individuals permitted in the masjid at any given time.
- Under the current circumstances of COVID-19, and due to the risk of serious infection to the masjid attendees, KFM management has approved the new spacing during the congregational salat.

9.4 Prayer Rugs in Musallah

- All Musallah areas of KFM shall be marked for attendees to spread their prayer rug to pray at the masjid
- Each musallee must bring their own prayer rug for making sujood. Making sujood without a prayer rug will not be permitted.
- Following the salat, each musallee shall fold their prayer rug and take it with them.
- Prayer rug must be not be smaller than 45 by 27 inches in size.
- Each musallee must pray on their own prayer rug.

9.5 Barrier in front of imam in Musallah

- KFM imam will have a designated place within the musallah to pray with a barrier from the congregation. The purpose of this barrier is to protect the imam and the congregation nearest the Imam from possible spread of germs.

9.6 Musallah Rules and Signs

- Each Musallah area in KFM masjid shall have a sign posted indicating the new rules with appropriate social distancing.

9.7 Restroom capacity signs

- Restrooms at KFM shall be locked during the first 2 phases of re-opening.
- Restroom doors shall have signage indicating capacity limits
- Restroom use may only be permitted after phase 2 upon approval. See the established rules and posted signs.
- Proper cleanup is required after using restroom. As a result, the masjid will provide such facilities based upon available resources.
- Proper disinfectant materials shall be available in masjid restrooms.

9.8 Cross ventilation:

- When prayers will be held inside the masjid, fans, windows, and inside doors shall be left ajar to allow cross-ventilation.

9.9 Filters change

- Regular filter change will take place on a monthly basis

10. Masjid Attendees

10.1 Refined Masjid Capacity

In order to reduce the number of potential exposures, a strict policy of admittance based on allotted capacity shall be enforced for all admissions to the masjid.

10.2 Capacity Determination - Limited Quota

Friday prayers - when the congregation enters phase 2, the initial jamah size determination shall be based on social distancing guidelines. Alternate rows shall be utilized with standard social distancing of 6ft being observed to determine the maximum capacity. As per the current guidelines, a maximum of 100 individuals will be allowed for Jumua' prayers. These will include attendees, plus management, staff, council and volunteers. The number of attendees may be the count minus the sum of management, staff, council members and volunteers. Each attendee must bring their completed disclaimer form along with their identification. No attendee will be allowed to attend any prayer without the form and a proper government issued identification card. This process will be in place for all phases.

10.3 Process to Determine Masjid Attendees in Phase 2

1. Jumu'ah Attendees determination shall utilize a formal registration process.
2. Masjid attendees who would like to begin attending Jumu'ah shall register online
3. KFM Management shall review all registrations to determine eligibility.
4. Each registration will be entered into a system database.
5. The system database will randomly assign an ID number to each attendee and place them into groups of up to 85 attendees per group.
6. Groups will be issued scan coded cards.
7. Based on total number of attendees registered, KFM shall determine the number of attendees per Jumu'ah.
8. Two khutbahs may occur in the event of a large number of attendees are registered for Jumu'ah.
9. Each attendee will receive a system generated email, based on their selection. Selection will be performed by the system without any intervention from any human operation to ensure fairness.
10. An attendee missing his or her turn to attend Jumu'ah will not be able to substitute with another attendee. This is because the attendee list will be prepared by the system.
11. Based on total number of attendees registered, the attendees shall have the opportunity to pray Jumu'ah every week or every other week.
12. Individuals that show up for Jumu'ah without registering ("stragglers") will not be permitted to pray Jumu'ah.

10.4 Congregation Categories

10.4.1 Elders

Masjid attendees over the age of 65 years.

10.4.2 Adults – Men, Women, and Youth

Men, women, and youth between the age of 14 years and 65 years. This category is permitted to attend the masjid in all phases.

10.4.3 Kids

Kids under the age of 14 years will not be permitted in the masjid until Phase 3.

10.5 Policy Training

Roles and responsibilities for dedicated volunteers shall be individually provided as stated in the attachment to this document. Primary and back up volunteers to assist in check-ins shall be established well in advance of the Friday congregation. The responsibilities of the volunteers assisting with check-ins shall be clearly specified and should be extremely simple. Training should also be given to the attendees to continue to educate and keep the congregation informed. KFM Management, staff members, council members and volunteers must undergo mandatory training for COVID-19 safety instructions and the policies and procedures of the masjid prior to assuming their roles and responsibilities.

10.6 Policy Training Vendor

KFM Management and council has approved JJ Keller and Training company as the official vendor for training on COVID-19 safety procedures. An individual training explaining the roles and responsibilities of the masjid will be provided in a meeting with the staff or designated council member for each volunteer.

11. Policy Enforcement

In order to keep our congregation safe and keep the masjid doors open, it is critical that the masjid attendees follow the procedures outlined in the RTM policy. The masjid security team will be tasked to respectfully enforce the RTM policy. We humbly request all masjid attendees to maintain patience and provide the volunteers support, as we continue to navigate through these difficult times.

Masjid volunteers will engage the officer on duty to achieve compliance. There will be a low threshold for engaging directly with the on-site paid security. Repeated incidents may result in temporary and possible permanent suspension of attending the masjid

12. Frequently asked Questions and Answers

Q: The Stay at Home order has been lifted, so why is the Masjid not fully operational?

Opening the masjid to full operations unfortunately creates large gatherings in close proximity. This situation will put the attendees at risk for exposure and increases the chance of an individual becoming COVID positive. Social distancing needs to be the priority.

Q: Why is the Masjid only open for 2 daily prayers?

The plan for masjid re-opening will be done in a phased approach to control and manage crowd flow and maintain social distancing guidelines. As such, the first phase will only be for two daily prayers. A formal communication and announcement will be made with all details regarding daily prayers restart.

Q: Why is the Masjid still not holding Jumu'ah congregation?

The plan for opening the masjid up for Jumu'ah will be part of Phase 2. As the Jumu'ah salah has a sizable congregation, many additional protocols are required to ensure safety for all masjid attendees. A formal communication and announcement will be made with all details regarding Jumu'ah restart.

Q: How do you get on the pre-approved list to be part of the Jumu'ah congregation when it opens?

Details and specifics on this process will be provided in a future communication. That said, there will be a sign-up sheet available online and a schedule created to maintain the appropriate capacity level.

Q: Are there official fatawahs allowing for prayer lines to have separation?

Our Imam has and will continue to establish the proper protocol based on his knowledge and consultation with other scholars.

Q: Will restrooms be open and available in the masjid?

Restrooms will not be open. The requirement as per CDC guidelines is to use restrooms at your own residence prior to coming to the masjid.

Q: All other general establishments in Los Angeles area are now opening including restaurants, salons, and fitness clubs. Why then is the King Fahad Mosque remaining in such a tight lockdown?

R: *While other business establishments are beginning to re-open, according to the CDC guidelines, there continues to remain significant risk of COVID spread without proper precautions. Therefore, for the safety of the masjid congregation, the policy is taking a conservative position to re-opening in a phased approach.*