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Kamloops
ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION

In the name of Allah who is The Most Beneficent and The Most Merciful

COVID 19 Protocols

Background:

On March 11, 2020, about 135 faith-based organizations participated in a teleconference led by BC Premier John Horgan along with Adrian Dix, Minister of Health and Dr. Bonnie Henry, BC Health Officer. The Kamloops Islamic Association participated in the conference in an effort to acknowledge the pandemic declared by World Health Organization, raise awareness, and provide support to all community members through established protocols.

We, as a community, are responsible for offering measures to ensure that possibilities of the virus spread are contained to the best of our abilities. The virus is spreading around the world and is expected to see an increased spread in BC. To date, there have been 39 positive cases and one death reported in BC including 2 cases with no travel history but through community contact.

Individual Responsibilities:

- Everyone is responsible for promoting better health in our community through raising awareness, protection, prevention, learning of the current status of COVID 19 spread and support system. Find the most up to date information for BC at this link:
[http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-\(novel\)](http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/coronavirus-(novel))
- Focus on healthy behaviour which may need a temporary change in our life style and the way we hold our gatherings.
- Social distancing is highly recommended i.e. keep a safe 2m (arm's length) distance in all public places.
- No physical engagement i.e. hand shaking, hugging and kissing.
- Those who are not feeling well with flu-like symptoms (despite tested positive for COVID 19 or not), do not attend congregation or public gatherings. Self-isolation and quarantine is key to successful containment of the virus. Call HealthLink BC at 811 for directions, if you are not well.
- Wash hands frequently, with soap and warm water (minimum 20 seconds wash).
- Make frequent cleaning at home and work places. In particular, enhanced surface cleaning.
- Avoid voluntary attendance to large social gatherings and out of province travel.
- The most vulnerable population are the elderly and people with underlying chronic medical conditions. Reach out to them, if you know someone in that situation and make frequent telephone check-in with them.
- Remember this is a temporary situation that we need to go through collectively.
- Remain calm and cooperative for the sake of your health and others around you.

Specific Measures at Ayesha Mosque:

1. Thorough cleaning of our facility on Saturday, March 14, 2020.
Please be aware of wet floors and carpets.
2. Hand sanitizers are refilled regularly, one is installed outside male prayer hall and another inside female prayer hall. Sanitize your hands before entering the prayer hall.
3. Liquid soaps are refilled regularly in washrooms and ablution areas.
Please use soap for hand washing in advance of the ablution.
4. Weekly cleaning every Thursday in advance of the Friday service.
5. No food serving at the Mosque. Please do not bring any personal food to the Mosque for sharing.
6. No food sale on Fridays at the Mosque until further notice.
7. Potentially no community iftaar (fast breaking meals) on Saturdays during the upcoming month of Ramadan. We will reassess the situation as more information becomes available in the coming weeks.
8. Potentially no Salaat-ul-Taraweeh which is usually offered every night during the month of Ramadan. We will reassess the situation as more information becomes available in the coming weeks.
9. Keeping a list of volunteers. Should there be a need to assist the elderly in our community such as dropping off food and supplies to them in case there is ever a need. Please respond to admin@ayeshamosque.com with your name and telephone number.
10. Limiting services/events to mandatory services only. Optional services are avoided at this time.

For any clarifications or further inquiries related to this notice, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (250) 461-6599 or via email at admin@ayeshamosque.com



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