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Assalamu Alaikum,

May the peace and blessings of Almighty Allah be with us.

LICS are happy and thankful to inform you that **Wightman Road Masjid** will be **Re-Opening on Monday 20th July** with the blessing and mercy of Almighty Allah. Government guidelines, state that we can hold congregational prayers in conjunction with physical distancing of 2m.

LICS Trustees have a legal duty of care to protect and minimise the risk of spreading Corona-19 to our community, our attendees, staff, and volunteers.

It is a shared responsibility between our worshippers and our Masjid.

We are committed to safeguarding lives, so we ask for you to work, support, and help us so that we can succeed in making this difficult process an easy one and we ask for blessings and guidance from Almighty Allah.

GUIDELINES FOR MASJID RE-OPENING

- **Initially** the Masjid will be opened in phases [*selected prayers each week.*]
- You must register online to **book a prayer space**. You can register on lics.regist@gmail.com
There is a questionnaire to complete which will enable us to adhere to the Government's Test and Trace App.
- Please **do not** turn up to the Masjid without registering. If you are **late** and the prayer has started, you will not be allowed in. Once prayer has started the gates will be closed.
- You will need to bring with you **proof of registration**.
- Only **FARD** prayers will be performed in the Masjid; you should do your sunnah and nafil prayers at home. The Masjid will **open the hall 10 minutes before** the prayer and **close 5 minutes after the prayer**.
- In the **first week** we will be open for **Zuhr prayer [fard]** which is performed in congregation at 1.30pm. However, please join our queuing system by **1.10pm** so that we can go through Health & Safety checks.
- The **capacity** of the Masjid is greatly reduced, due to physical distancing; we are currently only able to accommodate **30 brothers and 10 sisters** to perform prayers. We ask you to respect that only a limited number of attendees will be allowed in the main prayer hall at any one time.
- Your **temperature** will be tested at the entrance prior to entry into the Masjid.
- You are asked **not to bring unnecessary items** to the Masjid; only bring essential items with you.
- You must use **sanitiser** as instructed before entry and on leaving the Masjid.
- You must follow all **guidance and advice** provided by staff/volunteers at the Masjid and observe and respect signage which are there for your protection and safety.
- You must always **maintain physical distance of 2m**.

ATTENDEES ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

YOU MUST NOT ATTEND THE MASJID IF:

- If you are **65+**, or if you are **shielding or cocooning**.
- If you or a family member has just returned from **abroad**.
- You or your family member has or had **suspected symptoms** of COVID-19 in the past 14 days: or any flu like symptoms.
- You have been advised to **self-isolate**
- You are individuals categorised as **high risk** of severe illness.
- You have underlying **health conditions** such as respiratory issues, heart conditions, have high blood pressure, are diabetic or other medical issues.
- You are **age of 15 years and under**.
- You are **frontline staff** in contact with patients OR you are in contact with families who may have been exposed to or have COVID-19.
- You are **pregnant**.

BEFORE YOU ATTEND THE MASJID, YOU MUST:

- **Perform wudu** at home; all wudu and toilet facilities will be **closed**. If you do not have wudu you will not be allowed into the Masjid.
- Bring your own **prayer mat**
- Bring and wear a **face mask** [*this must be worn throughout your visit to the Masjid.*]
- Bring and **wear gloves** and **socks** in the interest of hygiene.
- Bring a **carrier bag** for your shoes; you will be shown where to put your shoes.
- Wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds before coming to the Masjid.
- If required bring your own Quran or Tasbeeh as Quran's and Tasbeehs will **NOT** be available.

Some of the above items can be purchased at the Masjid should you forget your own.

We ask that you leave promptly when asked to do so and quietly.

We ask that you do not hug, greet or socialising at any time within the Masjid or outside the Masjid

In following these guidelines you will be helping us to keep safe, stay alert and save lives.

The above Guidelines are subject to change at short notice as Government or Public Health release further guidance.

LICS Board of Trustees
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