



Rooyat e Hilal Committee of North America

We Welcome Ramadan very soon

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Assalamu Alaikum Dear Brothers and Sisters In Islam,

As Holy Ramadan dawns upon us soon, we remind ourselves of the blessings that are to come in sehri, iftar and taraweeh.

The Fiqh Council of Rooyat e Hilal Committee convened on Thursday evening of 4/16/2020 to discuss Welcoming of Ramadan and the Ulama advised of the following and If we have erred in any way, May Allah Ta'ala forgive us.

- A.** The emphasis of Jama'at in the Islamic Tradition is so immense that its' importance is in the heart of all the believers. But In this period of world wide pandemic, we are excused due to the severity of the virus spread.

وَأَنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ
وَأَحْسِنُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ
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- B.** It is important that the local masjids and organizations decide the best way to offer the jama'at based on the local guidelines. Where congregation of a few is possible, some precautions will go a long way to keep everyone safe and should be observed:

1. using a your own musalla mat,
2. coming with wudu from home,
3. washing the hands properly with soap (sanitizer with alcohol should be avoided before prayer)
4. dispersing after the jama'at
5. praying the before and after nawafil at home,
6. greeting each other by salaam with gestures such as placing the hand on the heart

7. masks may be worn in which proper sajdah (with forehead and nose) can be done

C. Advisory on the Issue of standing in the Saf During congregation, the congregants may keep distance between each other, *the jamaat will be valid, but such a measure is only temporary, not to be continued after the social distance guidelines are lifted.*

D. Ordinances may be different based on the area of the country. In any case, we would like to highlight that law and order must be adhered to.

In conclusion, We remind ourselves and all that that let us all ***surely Establish the Salah and Taraweeh*** with steadfastness in our homes as we go through this pandemic. ***Hadith Sharif of the Habib of Allah, Sayeduna Muhammadur Rasoolullah (Peace be upon him) is that Salah is the key to Jannah.***

The conference concluded with dua to Allah Ta'ala that as we move forward day by day with abundance of caution that may our families and communities stay safe and healthy and that we remain in the state of Iman and upon the Sunnah of The Beloved Sayeduna Muhammad Mustafa Sall Allahu alaihi wasallam. Ameen

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