



Blossom Valley Muslim Community Center

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Limited Resumption of Prayer Services at BVMCC Effective June 5 – Phase 1

Thursday June 4, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters,

Assalamu 'alaikum. On June 1, 2020, the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody, MD had issued a new order which allows several sectors of the County to re-open, including places of worship to be effective on Friday June 5, 2020. However, under this latest order only outdoor prayer services are permitted. No indoor services are allowed. Prayer shall be limited to a maximum of 25 persons. Participants must wear facial masks at all times and must always follow social distancing protocol of maintaining a six feet distance between them. Each participant must be screened for symptoms of fever or illness.

Based on the latest order, *inshaAllah* we will resume prayers beginning Friday June 5, 2020 on a limited basis as a phased approach. This will be a learning experience for us because of complexity of logistics involved. Services will be expanded gradually as we learn to manage the logistics. Prayers will resume with *salat al-Fajr* on Friday June 5, 2020 **5:00 AM**. In the beginning, only *Fajr 5:00 AM & Isha 10:10 PM* prayers will be held, and only at the courtyard outside of BVMCC space on 5885 Santa Teresa Boulevard, Suite 113. *Jumu'ah* prayers will not be held at the start of this phase 1, but as restrictions ease *Jumu'ah* prayers will resume at BVMCC at a later date *inshaAllah*.

In the first phase 1 at this time children less than 13 years old are not allowed. Persons age 65 years or older are requested to pray at home. Prayer attendees must come with *wudu* and bring their own prayer rugs. There will be no access to the building allowed and no arrangement for *wudu*. Please use hand sanitizer before and after use of facility. Prayers will be held on courtyard of our space on 5885 Santa Teresa Boulevard, Suite 113 area outside the building.

A total of 23 congregants will be accepted from members on first come first served basis. One volunteer and our *imam* will make up the maximum of 25 participants permitted under this order. Congregants must pray *fard* in congregation only and leave immediately thereafter. In the meantime, we urge your cooperation in making the first come first served system work smoothly.

InshaAllah this email will be followed by another email(s) providing more details and the logistics of arrival and exit as well as screening.

BVMCC Executive Board