



Birmingham Council of Mosques (BCM) guidance for masjids (under the re-opening of places of worship on 13th June 2020)

BCM has outlined key steps for mosques to follow when opening for individual prayer/worship to take place. Please note congregational prayers **MUST NOT** be conducted.

MOSQUES

- 1- Mosques will need to have separate entrance for entry and exit to the mosque and prayer hall
- 2- Mosques will need to have in place markings where individuals can sit for individual prayer/worship. This can be done marking an "X" on the floor using tape; there must be a 2m distance between the "X" marking from left, right, in front and behind
- 3- Mosques will need to keep windows and doors open for ventilation purposes and so that individuals do not have to touch door handles to open/close doors.
- 4- Mosques will be required to have "hand cleansing stations" upon the entrance and exit of the mosque and prayer halls (hand sanitiser will be sufficient for this)
- 5- Mosques will be required to clean and disinfect all areas where individual prayers/worship take place on a daily basis
- 6- Mosques to appoint a Covid-19 lead who will be responsible for implementing all appropriate guidelines

INDIVIDUALS

- 7- Individuals will be required to perform ablution (wudu) at home, as ablution facilities will NOT be accessible at the mosque
- 8- All individuals will be required to place their shoes in a bag and place them in close proximity to themselves during individual prayer/worship. Individuals will be required to bring their own bags
- 9- Individuals will be required to bring their own prayer mat to the mosque for individual worship
- 10- Individuals are encouraged to wear face masks during individual worship.
- 11- Any individuals with symptoms of Covid-19 should be self-isolating and MUST NOT attend the mosque for individual prayer/worship.