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## IMPAR GUIDELINES FOR MOSQUE GATHERINGS

IMPAR has compiled guidelines as per SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in religious places/ places of worship which are shared for Namazis to follow:

### Generic preventive measures

1. Person above 65 years of age, persons with co morbidities, pregnant woman and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home.
2. Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places as far as feasible.
3. Use of face covers/ masks is mandatory.
4. Practice frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made wherever feasible.
5. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.
6. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest to state and district helpline.
7. Spitting is strictly prohibited.
8. All are advised to install & use of Aarogya Setu App



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## **The mosques shall also ensure**

1. Entrance of the Mosque to have mandatory hand hygiene (sanitizer dispenser) and thermal screening provisions. Staggering of visitors to be done, if possible.
2. Only asymptomatic persons shall be allowed in the Mosques.
3. All persons to be allowed entry only if using face cover/ masks.
4. Posters/ standees on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed prominently. Audio and Video clips to spread awareness on preventive measures for COVID-19 should be regularly played in mosques.
5. Shoes / footwear to be preferably taken off inside own vehicle. If needed they should be kept in separate slots for each individual / family by the persons themselves.
6. Proper crowd management in the parking lots and outside the premises – duly following social distancing norms shall be organized.
7. Any shops, stalls, cafeteria etc., outside and within the premises shall follow social distancing norms at all times
8. Specific markings may be made with sufficient distant to manage the queue and ensure social distancing in the premises.
9. Preferably separate entry and exits for visitors shall be organized
10. Maintain physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet at all times when queuing up for entry.
11. People should wash their hand and feet with soap and water before entering the premises.
12. Standing or sitting arrangement during Namaz to be made in such a way that adequate social distancing is maintained.
13. For air-conditioning/ventilation, the guidelines of CPWD shall be followed which inter alia emphasize that the temperature setting of all air conditioning devices should be in the range of 24-30oC, relative humidity should be in the range of 40- 70%, intake of fresh air should be as much as possible and cross ventilation should be adequate.
14. Touching of holy books etc. not to be allowed.
15. Large gatherings/congregation continues to remain prohibited.
16. Avoid physical contact while greeting each other.
17. Common prayer mats should be avoided and devotees should bring their own prayer mat or piece of cloth which they may take back with them.
18. Community kitchens at religious places should follow physical distancing norms while preparing and distributing food.
19. Effective sanitation within the premises shall be maintained with particular focus on lavatories, Wuzu Stations/areas.
20. Frequent cleaning and disinfection to be maintained by the management of the religious place.
21. The floors should particularly be cleaned multiple times in the premises.
22. Proper disposal of face covers / masks / gloves left over by visitors and/or employees should be ensured.
23. In case of a suspect or confirmed case in the premises: a. Place the ill person in a room or area where they are isolated from others. b. Provide a mask/face cover till such time

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he/she is examined by a doctor. c. Immediately inform the nearest medical facility (hospital/clinic) or call the state or district helpline. d. A risk assessment will be undertaken by the designated public health authority (district RRT/treating physician) and accordingly further action be initiated regarding management of case, his/her contacts and need for disinfection. e. Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found positive.

### **Additional Guidelines for Namazis**

1. Perform 'wuzu' at home and do not crowd the wuzu area in the mosque. Wash water taps with soap while using them. Keep hand wash or soaps in Wuzu Area and entrance of the mosque.
2. Avoid spending unnecessary time in mosque premises. Namazis should pray and leave immediately keeping the code of physical distancing in mind. Namaz time should also be limited-in terms of brief khutba and prayers.
3. Mosque should be used only for obligatory prayers and locked immediately till the next prayer.
4. Namaz may preferably be performed in open area if there is sufficient open space in the mosque instead of performing in closed halls. And also caps kept in the mosque should not be used.
5. Carry your own water bottle. Don't use shared glasses/cups at water coolers installed in the mosque
6. Extra Precautions and Care is desired on Friday prayer as the number of Namazis is more as compared to other days.
7. Prayers on roads, pavements, footpaths must not be performed.

Note: Cleanliness of the mosque is the duty of each and every one of us. We must keep the mosques clean always. Management Committee and the Users must ensure that Wuzu Station/ Area and Toilets are properly cleaned and in good hygienic condition.



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