

## **ICLI UPDATE – May 30, 2020**

### **Phase 1 – Reopening**

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuh!

Dear Respected Members of ICLI and the Muslim Community,

It has been over two months that we were forced to make the difficult decision to close the Islamic Center of Long Island for all prayer services to our community. The COVID-19 pandemic has made a lasting impact on each one of us and how we interact as a community. We have been looking forward to the moment to receive guidance from local and state government authorities with coordination from WHO and the CDC and our Muslim Scholars to initiate the reopening of ICLI.

We ask the entire community to seriously pay close attention in abiding by the following policies set forth.

## **ICLI Phase 1 Reopening will commence on Saturday, May 30, 2020**

### **The following services will be re-started at ICLI under the following Guidelines:**

#### **Daily Congregational Salah – Funeral Services – Nikahs**

#### **General Mandatory Guidelines for All Attendees:**

Upon entering the ICLI facility, all attendees, regardless of their age, may be requested to submit to a temperature check. In addition, only persons wearing a mask will be admitted. Once in the facility, social distancing must be observed at all times. We ask that you consider wearing gloves once in the facility as well.

Upon leaving the facility, you are not permitted to congregate on the grounds of ICLI in compliance with the Executive Order from the Governor.

#### **Additionally:**

- 1) Maximum number of congregants/attendees at any one time is limited to 10 people.
- 2) All congregants/attendees MUST wear face coverings while within the ICLI campus.
- 3) A distance of at least 6 ft is always required to be maintained amongst all individuals.
- 4) Each congregant/attendee will limit their time within ICLI to a minimum for the purpose of their visit.
- 5) Each congregant/attendee will limit their touching of any surfaces, including handrails, door-knobs and walls.
- 6) Each congregant/attendee will be prohibited from holding or shaking hands of members of different households while at ICLI.
- 7) The restrooms will be limited in capacity. Please come to ICLI with your wudu.
- 8) It will be highly encouraged that any children, elderly and/or any congregants/attendees with compromised immune systems and/or underlying health conditions to not attend any services at ICLI during this Phase 1 reopening.
- 9) Any congregant/attendee that has any of the following is prohibited from attending ICLI during this Phase 1 reopening:

- a. Any symptom of COVID-19 within the prior 14 days.
- b. Positive COVID-19 test results within the prior 14 days.
- c. Close contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases within the prior 14 days.

### **Daily Congregational Salah:**

- 1) ICLI will be open for the daily 5-time congregational Salah.
- 2) ICLI will provide a disposable paper sheet for each congregant. This paper sheet will be used for the sajdah area only and to be disposed of after each use.
- 3) Only 10 congregants, including the Imam will be allowed to pray at a time. All others MUST remain outside of the building and remain socially distant while waiting for their turn.

### **Funeral Services:**

- 1) ICLI will only accept Non-Covid-19 deceased community members for washing and Janazzah services. Please call or email the ICLI office for further information.

### **Nikah Services:**

- 1) ICLI will re-start hosting Nikah services on a limited basis based on the guidelines noted above. Please call or email the ICLI office for further information

### **Suspended Services:**

- **Jum'mah Services** at ICLI will continue to be suspended until further notice. Inshallah, we are hopeful that over the next 1-2 weeks, we will be able to start Jum'mah Services. Please stay tuned for further announcements.
- **Onsite Educational Programs** will also continue to be suspended until further notice. Inshallah we look forward to starting our onsite Full-Time Hifz program in the coming weeks.

We sincerely thank the community for your continued understanding and cooperation as we try to Inshallah resume our foundational role as a masjid and a community center. Please do not hesitate to reach out via email or call the ICLI office for any questions and/or concerns as it pertains to the Phase 1 reopening of ICLI. Your health and well-being are our top priority. We pray that Allah (swt) make it easy on all of us to inshallah return to his house in Iman and Health.

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees Chair, Dr. Isma Chaudhry

President, Habeeb Ahmed

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