



GUIDELINES FOR JAMĀ'AH & JUMU'AH ṢALĀH DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Valid as of January 9, 2021 - 25th of Jumāda al-ūla 1442

1 NEW GATHERING GUIDELINES FROM QUEBEC GOVERNMENT

As of Saturday the 9th of January 2021, the provincial government has forbidden any religious gatherings

- Except for funerals where 10 people are allowed

We have included a summary of the government directives at the end of this document

1.1 DURATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION

- These recommendations are in effect only for the duration of this lockdown – as initially announced, until the 8th of February 2021.

2 ṢALĀH WITH JAMĀ'AH

2.1 RECOMMENDATION

- *Ṣalāh* with *Jamā'ah* should be established regularly at one's home – until official recommendations change. Scenarios for the formation of rows is presented in section 4 of this document
- Only members of a single household or bubble should participate to abide by government directives

3 RECOMMENDATION FOR JUMU'AH ṢALĀH

3.1 RECOMMENDATION

- The spirit of *Jumu'ah Ṣalāh* is that it should be prayed with a large *jamā'ah* in the biggest masjid of the city
- Praying in smaller groups, **even if all the prerequisites are technically fulfilled** is something done out of **dire necessity** of the time and should not be continued once masjids open up
- If one cannot fulfill all the requirements for *jumu'ah*, he **MUST** pray *dhuhr ṣalāh*

3.2 PREREQUISITES FOR JUMU'AH ṢALĀH

- At least 4 sane and mature males are required
 - 1 as the imam
 - 3 followers (*muqtaḍīs*)
- General permission for people to join (a person may leave the door to his home unlocked during the time of the prayer)



3.3 METHOD OF PERFORMING JUMU'AH ŞALĀH

1. First *adhān* should be called
2. Attendees should pray 4 *rak'ah sunnah*
3. *Imām* should sit facing the *jamā'ah* (he may sit on a chair, or even on the ground)
4. Second *Adhān* should be called out in front of the *imam*
5. *Imām* should stand up and do the first *khutbah* (section 3.4)
6. *Imām* should sit down for a few seconds
7. *Imām* should stand up and do the second *khutbah* (section 3.5)
8. After the second *khutbah* is complete, the *muadhin* will do the *Iqāmah*
9. *Imām* will pray 2 *rak'ah* out loud (as opposed to the quiet method of praying *dhuhr şalāh*)
10. Attendees should perform their remaining *sunnah şalāh* (4 *rak'ah* then 2 *rak'ah*)

3.4 FIRST KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ
قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: "يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ، وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ"
وَقَالَ تَعَالَى: "وَمَنْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ مَخْرَجًا وَيَرْزُقْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُ"
وَآخِرُ دَعْوَانَا أَنِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

3.5 SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَكَفَى وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى عِبَادِهِ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَى
قَالَ تَعَالَى: " إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ – يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا"
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ وَصَلِّ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ
وَآخِرُ دَعْوَانَا أَنِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ



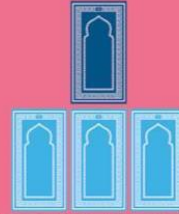
4 SCENARIOS FOR MAKING ROWS FOR ṢALĀH WITH JAMĀ'AH

Father & Son only



The father will lead the prayer, with the son slightly behind him on the right.

Father & more than one male



The father will lead the prayer, with the others in a row behind him.

Husband & Wife alone



The husband will lead the prayer and the wife will read one full row behind. They will not be slightly behind one another. The husband will also give the Iqamah.

Husband, Wife & one male child



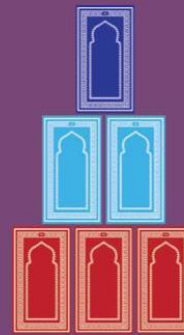
The husband will lead the prayer, the child will stand slightly behind him, and the wife will perform Salah in a separate row.

Husband, Wife & Male children



The husband will lead the prayer, the children will form the next row behind him, the wife (and other female members) will perform Salah in the third row.

Husband, Wife & Mixed children



The husband will lead the prayer with the male children in the row behind him, followed by female children and female adults in the third row.



5 GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES USED A BASIS FOR THESE RECOMMENDATIONS

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Jan. 6

NEW RULES
AND DIRECTIVES IN FORCE

Measures in force from January 9 to February 8, 2021 throughout Québec
except for the territory of Nunavik and the Cree Territory of James Bay

Establishment of a curfew between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Travel is prohibited outside the home

Exceptions are made for health care, humanitarian reasons, and priority work

No visits allowed

A person living alone may see only another person living alone

Maintenance of the closing of non-essential commercial enterprises

- Delivery and pickup at the door are allowed until not later than 7:30 p.m.
- Restaurants, gyms, theatres, cinemas, hairdressing establishments, and places of worship remain closed
- All commercial enterprises must close at 7:30 p.m., except drugstores and service stations
- Restaurants can make deliveries after 7:30 p.m.

Mandatory teleworking

All businesses and office buildings must be closed

Indoor and outdoor activities

All indoor and outdoor social, recreational, or sports activities must be limited to the family bubble or to individuals residing at the same address

No group activities are allowed

Indoor sports activities are prohibited, except physical education classes and special programs in schools, training for recognized athletes, and professional sports after receiving authorization from the public health authorities

Strengthening of measures in the schools

- **Elementary schools**
Reopen on **January 11, 2021**
- Face coverings must be worn in corridors and common areas, and in the classroom by 5th and 6th grade students
- This obligation does not apply at the pre-school level
- **Secondary schools**
Reopen on **January 18, 2021**
- Medical procedure masks must be worn by everyone in the classroom, with no exceptions

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We will update our recommendations as the government updates their rules. Our recommendations will always be in line with government public safety regulations.