

EID AIDILFITRI CELEBRATION GUIDELINE 1441 / 2020

Traditionally, Muslims will celebrate Eid with their families, relatives and friends, but in the context of the COVID-19 threat that we are facing today, we need to make the smart choice on the way we celebrate Eid this year. We need to continue to implement and intensify precautionary measures and practices so that the COVID-19 infection can be prevented and controlled as we celebrate Eid. These include:

- i. The Eid celebration is only to be held with immediate family members i.e. individuals visiting their parents or siblings.
- ii. Large families must ensure that the mass gathering guideline is complied i.e. to only limit 20-30 people at any one time according to the suitability and size of the home.
- iii. Schedule social visits to parents' or siblings' homes i.e. to not come all at once, take turns visiting, not to come in a convoy, or contact the parents or siblings first before visiting their homes.
- iv. Members of the public are not encouraged to visit homes of other relatives, neighbours, and friends.
- v. Members of the public are not allowed to hold "Open Houses" or similar events. This includes hosting an open office event at the workplace.
- vi. Anyone with signs of infection or feeling unwell is not allowed to visit or be visited by their immediate family members.
- vii. The practice of shaking hands and hugging during Eid must be avoided; it is sufficient to give a gesture of greeting by placing the hand over the chest, smiling, or nodding the head as a sign of respect and greeting.

- Avoid as much as possible any attempts to touch or make physical contact with others.
- viii. Ensure good and well maintained personal and environmental hygiene especially the cleanliness of the hands.
 - ix. Practice correct cough and sneeze etiquette at all times.
 - x. Avoid from sharing food and drink utensils such as spoons, forks, plates and glasses.
 - xi. Ensure that the Eid food preparations for immediate family members are healthy and hygienic. Reduce the intake of sweet, salty, and fatty food. Enhance your body's immune system with intake of nutritious food and plain water as your main choice.

Eventhough the Eid celebration this year is different from the previous years; this does not mean that we cannot joyfully and safely celebrate it with our loved ones. What is important is to always practice our social responsibilities to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 infection.