



Cambridge Central Mosque Temporary Shahada Ceremony Guidelines

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The government have recently announced that from the 4th of July, gatherings of up to 30 people are permitted to take place in places of Worship under certain conditions. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and government guidelines, Cambridge Central Mosque will be conducting Shahada ceremonies under the following conditions:

- The maximum number of attendees in a Shahada ceremony will be 30 people including the Imam, the individual taking their Shahada and two witnesses.
- We strongly advise that any individuals who are over the age of 70, have a long-term medical condition, or pregnant should not attend places of worship. This is following government guidance on individuals who have been requested to [shield](#).
- [Social distancing](#) must be maintained at all times.
- If there are more than 10 guests, a queuing system will be set up for people to enter the Mosque safely.
- Individuals acknowledge that the risk of infection is accepted by the person making the booking on behalf of themselves and all participants attending the ceremony and that the mosque shall not be liable.
- Guests invited to the ceremony will be following [government guidelines](#) on gatherings.
- No food or refreshments will be permitted to be brought on-site.
- Once the Shahada ceremony has concluded and the allocated time booked has elapsed, participants should vacate the area for the space to be cleaned and prepared for prayer. Participants can congregate in the Islamic Garden in groups no larger than 10 whilst maintaining social distancing guidelines.
- For your reference, for Cambridge Central Mosque's Reopening Guidance, please see [here](#).

We hope to have your understanding that these guidelines have been put in place to ensure that Shahada ceremonies can still be undertaken at the Mosque whilst at the same time protecting the health and safety of those attending along with any guests and staff members.

Please note that these guidelines are subject to change depending on any updated government restrictions or guidance.