



Sunday 27th December 2020

RE: Cambridgeshire Moves to Tier 4

As of 26th December 2020, Cambridgeshire has entered Tier 4. This means that you should not leave your home except where you have a 'reasonable excuse'. Please see government guidance on [Tier 4 restrictions](#) for further detailed information.

Cambridge Central Mosque (CCM) will remain open for congregational prayers which includes both daily prayers and Jum'a prayers. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You must also maintain strict social distancing at all times and follow all existing COVID-19 protocols in place at the Mosque. For detailed Mosque reopening guidance, please visit the [prayer times](#) section of our website. For the Mosque's opening times, please visit the [contact](#) page.

Jum'a Prayers

You will need to register through the online booking system to attend prayers, as there are limited spaces available. Due to the government's recent announcement, anyone who is not from the local Cambridgeshire community will not be able to register. If anyone from outside of the community does register, your ticket will be cancelled and you will not be permitted inside the Mosque. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, however, the safety of members of our local community continues to be our main priority.

Life Cycle Events - Shahada, Nikah and Janaza Services

Life cycle services such as Nikahs and Shahadas will no longer take place onsite with immediate effect. Remote services will be available when possible.

Janazas

Janaza prayers will not be permitted at the Mosque, however, CCM's Ghusl facilities remain open and Janaza prayers can be recited at the burial site itself. Please note that funerals can only be attended by a maximum of 30 people. This number may be limited further due to the size of the burial site. Social distancing should be maintained between people who do not live together or share a support bubble.

Tours & Visits

CCM must take measures to reduce the risk of infection transmission in line with the government guidelines by minimising all travelling to and from the premises from outside of Cambridge. For this reason, all tours and visits are currently suspended. CCM remains open for worship to members of our local community only.

Worshippers are reminded to minimise time spent in contact with others and should leave promptly after prayer.

COVID-19 Protocols

We as a community have a responsibility to ensure the safety of everyone around us and to ensure we do everything possible to reduce the spread of the virus. To that end, we respectfully ask everyone to:

- Follow the one-way system in place
- Maintain social distancing at all times
- Wear a [face-covering](#) unless you are exempt
- Bring a bag for your shoes
- Use your own prayer mat when you are at the Mosque

Please kindly note:

- There are no Wudu or toilet facilities onsite
- If you are 70 or over, [clinically vulnerable](#) or pregnant, you are strongly advised to pray at home
- Children under the age of 12 will not be allowed entry into the Mosque

If you have a high temperature, new, continuous cough, you have lost or note a change in your sense of smell or taste or any other symptoms associated with COVID-19, please do not attend the Mosque and seek medical advice.

Travel

If you live in a Tier 4 area, you must not leave your home unless you have a 'reasonable excuse' (e.g. for work or education purposes). If you need to travel, you should stay local and avoid travelling outside of your village, town or part of the city where you live – you should limit the number of journeys you make.

The list of reasons you can leave your home and area include, but are not limited to:

- Work, where you cannot work from home.
- Accessing education and for caring responsibilities.
- Visiting those in your support bubble – or your childcare bubble for childcare.
- Visiting hospital, GP and other medical appointments or visits where you have had an accident or are concerned about your health.
- Buying goods or services from premises that are open in Tier 4 areas, including essential retail, but these should be within your local area wherever possible.
- Outdoor recreation or exercise. This should be done locally wherever possible, but you can travel a short distance within your Tier 4 area to do so if necessary (for example, to access an open space).
- Attending the care and exercise of an animal, or veterinary services.

If you need to travel, walk or cycle where possible and plan ahead to avoid busy times and routes on public transport. This will allow you to practice social distancing while you travel. If you need to use public transport, you should follow the [safer travel guidance](#).

Avoid car sharing with anyone from outside your household or your support bubble. See the [guidance on car sharing](#).

Please see government guidance on [Tier 4 restrictions](#) for further detailed information.

Cambridge Central Mosque COVID-19 Support

For those in Cambridge who require assistance during the restrictions, Cambridge Central Mosque will continue its COVID19 Support Service. Please click [here](#) for further information.

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your cooperation during this testing time. Our priority is and always will be the health and safety of all members of our community. Therefore, all existing social distancing and hygiene protocols remain in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We continue to pray for everyone's safety and wellbeing, and urge all members of our community to stay alert whilst these restrictions are in place.