



Cambridge Central Mosque Temporary Shahada Ceremony Guidelines

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Introduction

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cambridge Central Mosque have set out the following guidelines and procedures to facilitate Nikah ceremonies in the safest way possible. The Government has announced that from the 4th of July, wedding ceremonies are permitted in places of worship under certain conditions. Considering the COVID-19 pandemic and Government guidelines, Cambridge Central Mosque will be conducting Nikah ceremonies under the conditions detailed within this document.

General

1. 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](#).
2. We will not take bookings from people who are based in a location in which a local lockdown has been implemented. If a local lockdown is implemented after the booking has been made and it coincides with the date of the booking, the booking will have to be delayed and rescheduled at a date in which the local lockdown has been lifted.
3. In reference to the above, it is also your responsibility to ensure that any guests invited from a location that is under lockdown does not attend the ceremony.
4. Individuals temperatures will be checked before entering the Mosque. Any individual who has a high-temperature reading or displays any symptoms of COVID-19 such as a new persistent cough, or loss of, or change in, their normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia), will not be allowed inside the premises.
5. If guests would like to pray at the Mosque, they must bring their own prayer mat and a shoe bag along with a face-covering. If either one of these items are forgotten, a “prayer pack” can be purchased for a small fee, all proceeds of which go directly to the Mosque.
6. Unfortunately, there will be no access to ablution and toilet facilities. So please make sure you have made your ablution either at home or at your place of work before coming to the Mosque.
7. The risk of infection is accepted fully by the persons making the booking on behalf of him/herself and all participants attending the ceremony and the Mosque shall not be liable.
8. No food or refreshments will be permitted to be brought on site.
9. For your reference, please see [here](#) for Cambridge Central Mosque’s Reopening Guidance.

Shahada Ceremony Guidelines

1. The maximum number of attendees permitted for a Shahada ceremony will be 6 people.
2. All Shahada ceremonies will be held in the Mosque’s Teaching Room.
3. Face coverings must always be worn whilst inside the Mosque including during the ceremony, unless you are exempt from wearing one as per government guidelines on [face coverings](#). **The Imam is exempt from wearing face coverings during the ceremony if social distancing is maintained.**
4. All attendees must bring shoe bags in order to the enter the Mosque and take part in the ceremony as shoe racks will not be available.
5. Children under the age of 14 are permitted to attend Shahada ceremonies, however, they are only permitted to be inside the Teaching Room during the ceremony and must be under constant adult supervision.
6. All guests should be reminded that the Mosque is a sacred space and that out of respect for the sacred nature of the venue and occasion, they should be asked to dress modestly.
7. Once the Shahada ceremony has concluded and the allocated time booked has elapsed, attendees should vacate the area for the space to be cleaned and disinfected.

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.

I acknowledge that I have read this document and that I will abide by the guidelines therein and that I will share these guidelines with all the attendees that I invite to the Shahada ceremony.

Signature

Date

Name (please print)