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Assalamuolaikum,

Many brothers and sisters in our community are appropriately worried about Covid-19 affecting us. I just wanted to summarize some appropriate advice:

As individuals IF:

- you have flu-like symptoms
- you've been in contact with someone with flu-like symptoms
- are under state/county/city mandated quarantine
- have visited a high-risk country within the past 2 weeks
- have low immunity (due to old age, recent operation, other medical complications)

Then, very simply, get tested if needed at your local hospital or medical facility and DO NOT come to the masjid. Avoid unnecessary trips to the store or the mall. Stay home as much as possible.

For everyone else:

1. Congregational prayers in the masjid are not an obligation (according to all madhabs) - the masjid will still be open to serve the community
2. Jumuah prayer - it is with a heavy heart that we are cancelling Jumuah prayer until further notice for the safety of our community
3. Community programs - cancelled until further notice

As always, everyone should do their own personal risk assessment. Many of us might be in the age bracket that is considered minimal risk, but remember that we come in contact with those who are high risk (mainly the sick and elderly). Please keep all of these in mind, and may Allah protect us and our community. Ameen

As a policy, we follow CDC and Department of Health guidelines, please be aware of them:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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