



Sandton Islamic Association

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Sandton Islamic Association: Re – Opening Protocol

South Africa has moved to lockdown level three from 1 June.

Certain churches, temples, mosques, synagogues, and other recognised places of worship have resumed services with a maximum amount of 50 people or less depending on the space available.

Government Gazette link -

[www.gpwonline.co.za > Gazettes > 43365 28-5 Cogta](http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/43365_28-5_Cogta)

SIA's Masjid-ud-Duha has taken a decision to provisionally open for daily salaah on Wednesday the 3rd of June 2020, with strict compliance to rules and regulations stipulated in the abovementioned Disaster Management Act (57/2002): Directions issued in terms of Regulation 37 (1)(a) of the Regulations issued in terms of the Act.

Disclaimer

We, the Sandton Islamic Association committee/trustees and COVID-19 Task Team, reserve the right to cancel any congregational prayers with immediate effect without prior notice due to non-compliance on the below mentioned protocols or other potential risks arising.

SIA JUMUAH BOOKING PORTAL: www.picktime.com/SIA



PRE-REQUISITES: Non-Negotiables Prior to Arriving Masjid

- No non-baaligh children allowed entry.
- No persons over the age of 60 allowed.
- Ladies section will remain closed until further notice.
- No persons who are in contact with any COVID-19 patient/s allowed entry.
- Anyone showing poor respiratory signs and symptoms of COVID-19 i.e. fever, coughing, difficulty breathing, sore throat, redness of eyes will not be allowed entry.
- Anyone with chronic illnesses: Diabetes / Asthma / Hypertension / Heart or Lung conditions will not be allowed entry.
- Anyone caring for old or sick people at home should not come to the masjid.
- All Doctors and Healthcare staff will only be allowed entry to the masjid after showering and change of clothes.

RULES FOR ENTRY

- Shoes to be placed in plastic/shoe bags and left outside the masjid
- Musallees to wear socks at all times.
- Face masks to be worn at all times covering mouth and nose.
- Own Musallah required and no sharing.
- Sanitize hands at entry and exit.
- No Wudu/Ablution facilities.
- No Sunnah/Nafil or second jamaath salah to be performed at the Masjid
- Salaahs to be kept as short as possible.
- No Bayaans/Jamaath/Zikr/Durood programmes allowed in masjid.
- Single entry point directed to first available musallah as per ID tag number.
- Staggered exit Last in First Out.
- Aircons and heaters will remain switched off.
- Windows will remain open during Salah times.
- No human contact allowed on masjid premises including hand shaking, hugging etc.
- No loitering or playing allowed on masjid premises.
- No non-obligatory Ibadah allowed inside masjid before, after & between salaah.



Protocol 1 - Normal Salaah

1. All vehicles to be parked outside the masjid gates.
2. Musallees to ensure that they have their 'essential items' on hand i.e. mask, musallahs, socks etc.
3. Musallees to enter via the main gate and will be directed to the Covid Vetting Area (the courtyard near madressah).
4. **ALL musallees to be vetted before every salaah, this to include Covid volunteers, regular musallees, Servco members, staff and imaams.**
5. SIA Visitor Declaration document to be completed, which will include sanitization and temperature check.
6. The document to be signed by the musallees and relevant Covid Officer and filed per date and corresponding salaah for ease of future reference.
7. Musalee to receive a numbered ID card and will be directed to the demarcated numbered musallah inside the masjid.
8. Shoes will be tagged and bagged as per corresponding number.
9. Entrance will be clearly indicated (sliding door at courtyard).
10. Main entrance will close when iqamath is given
11. Covid volunteers and all musallees to perform salaah in accordance with social distancing protocols.
12. On completion of the relevant salaah, a general announcement will be given to once again adhere to social distancing protocol and a reminder for no human interaction on the masjid grounds.
13. Musallees will then be asked to exit via the back door, last in first out i.e. from the back saff to the front.
14. Musallees will be directed off the masjid premises via the back gate (near the park)

Protocol 2 - Jumuah Salaah

- No mass gatherings outside the masjid.
- For Jumuah there will be 3 jamaats:
 - 12h30
 - 13h30
 - 14h30



1. ALL musallees who intend attending Jumuah Sallah will be required to register with all details: www.picktime.com/SIA
 - Jumuah salaahs will be capped at 48 musallees + Imaam & Muazzin.
 - PRE-REGISTRATION is COMPULSORY for every Musallee
 - PRE-REGISTRATION will CLOSE every Friday at 8am of the day Jumuah in question
 - Should you answer 'YES' to any of the pre-screening questions (as set out by regulation), you will not be admitted into the Masjid area
2. All vehicles to be parked outside the masjid gates
3. Musallees to ensure that they have their 'essential items' on hand i.e., mask, musallahs, socks etc.
4. Musallees to enter via the back gate (near the park) and will be directed to the Covid Vetting Area (the courtyard behind the ladies section)
5. ALL musallees to be vetted before salaah, this to include Covid volunteers, regular musallees, Servco members, staff and imaans.
6. SIA Visitor Declaration document to be completed, which will include sanitization and temperature check.
7. The document to be signed by the musallee and relevant Covid Officer and filed per date and corresponding salaah for ease of future reference.
8. Musallee to receive a numbered ID card and will be directed to the demarcated numbered musallah OUTSIDE the masjid (the parking area adjacent to the park)
9. Shoes will be tagged and bagged as per corresponding number.
10. Back entrance gate will close when iqamath is given
11. Jumuah talks to be pre-recorded broadcasted on all platforms.
12. COVID-19 volunteers and all musallees to perform salaah in accordance with social distancing protocols. (2 saffs of 25, 1.5 meters apart)
13. On completion of the Jumuah salaah, a general announcement will be given to once again adhere to social distancing protocol and also to a reminder for no human interaction on the masjid grounds.
14. Musallees will then be asked to exit via the main entrance, first in first out i.e. from the front saff to the back.
15. Lillah Collection will take place at the exit gate.
16. Musallees will be directed off the masjid premises via the main gate (near the ladies section)



The “Who”

- SIA COVID-19 Team set up led by Qari Yaeesh Ally, ***the appointed COVID-19 Compliance Officer***
- The team currently consists of the following volunteers
- Doctor Ismail Mitha - Chief Medical Officer
- Imraan Ravat & Mohamed Ilyas Ravat
- Qari Ahmed Saeed Jogiat
- Sheik Amaan
- Sheik Shuaib
- Waseem Hassen (Volunteer)
- Mohammed Loonat (Volunteer)
- Mohammed Zakeer

We will need more volunteers especially for Jumuah crowd control outside the masjid gate.

The “How”

- 1000 masks available for distribution, as required
- Foot controlled hand sanitizers.
- Airless Electric spray gun to sanitize all contact points including COVID-19 vetting area, inside the masjid, shoe racks etc.
- Minimum 70% alcohol based sanitizer specifications
- PPE gear for on duty volunteers, staff and Imams
- Posters to be put up outside the masjid, to inform/remind musallees of our, COVID-19 Questionnaire, Entrance Protocol/Requirements, max 50 people on site regulation
- Posters to be put in all walkways, vetting area, inside the masjid and exit points, to keep mask on covering nose and mouth and to sanitize
- Whatsapp/email communication to database outline our COVID-19 strategy and protocols
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- Do you indemnify the Sandton Islamic Association of any liability, injury or sickness as a result of attending salaah at SIA? (YES o