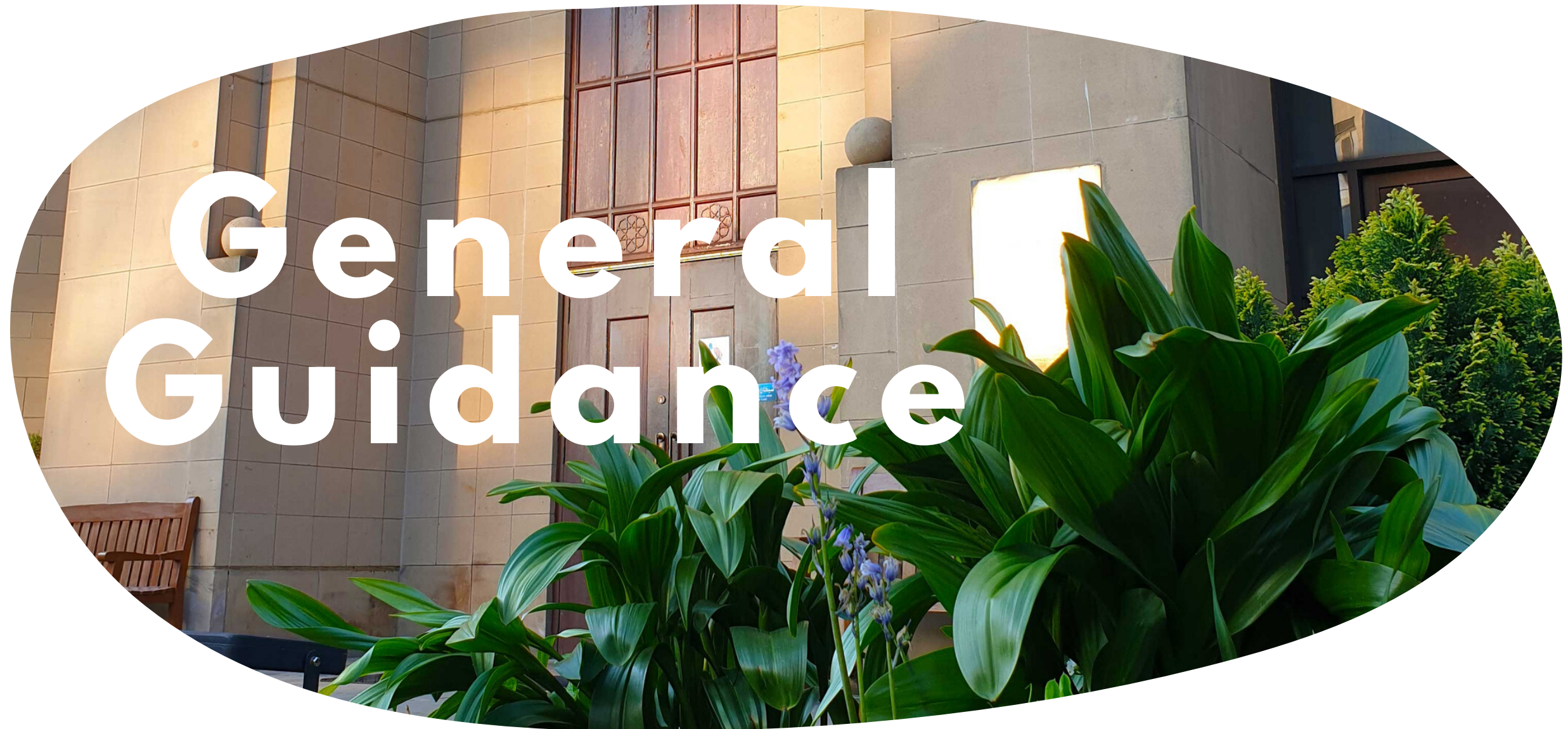


Re-opening Information

As-salaamu alaykum,



As Edinburgh Central Mosque prepares to re-open, it is vital that we give you information about what to expect in the coming days about how we will be conducting congregational prayers and what we expect from our community members to ensure we can re-establish this obligation in the safest manner possible.



This guidance applies in all cases when attending the Mosque

- Sanitise your hands when entering and leaving.
- Bring your own prayer mat.
- Wear a face mask.
- Bring your own bag to store your shoes in. Do not use the shoe racks.
- The washrooms and toilets are closed - perform wudu before coming to the Mosque.
- There is no access to the Quran or other books - use an app on your phone, or bring your own mushaf.
- Women and children under 15 are not permitted to attend the Mosque for the time being. Priority is for men to fulfil the obligation of praying in congregation.
- The elderly, or those with underlying health conditions, should not attend the Mosque.



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- **Do not enter the building if you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms:**
 - a high fever
 - a new continuous cough
 - a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste
- Ad hoc/drop-in appointments to the staff offices are no longer available.
- If you require to speak to a member of staff, please call 0131 667 1777 or email info@edmosque.org.
- If you feel your query requires a face-to-face appointment, let us know by the above methods and we will make arrangements for you to attend the Mosque.



Outline of upcoming dates

- The Mosque will open to the public for congregational prayers **only** from Wednesday July 15th.
- There will be a phased return to all 5 daily prayers, starting with Dhuhr and Asr only.
- The remaining daily prayers will be established in due course once we ensure our procedures are working and are sufficient to keep everyone safe.
- We will announce when the remaining prayers are established via our website and social media pages.
- **The Mosque will not be open between congregational prayers.**
- Jumu'ah Prayer will recommence from Friday 17th July.
- Initially there will be two Jumu'ah Prayers; the first at 1.30pm, the second at 3pm.
- The Mosque will endeavour to provide more jumu'ah prayers each week once we ensure our procedures are sufficient to keep everyone safe. Therefore the times of the Jumu'ah prayers may change as the weeks progress. Updated information will always be available on our website and social media pages.



Current Limitations

- The Scottish Government has capped attendance of congregational religious activities at 50 individuals
- The Scottish Government has required that data be collected from attendees for the Test and Protect initiative.
- For more information on what data we collect and how we process this, go to: <https://edmosque.org/covid-19-privacy-policy/>
- Due to the above two limitations, you will be required to book a space for each congregational prayer you wish to attend, including Jumu'ah
- Due to the above two limitations, women and children under 15 should not attend the Mosque until we are able to accept a greater capacity.
- **Please understand that it will be impossible for everyone to attend Jumu'ah. Please remain patient with us and the circumstances and try again the following week if you do not successfully get a ticket.**



Booking your slot to attend a prayer

- The Mosque will utilise its own booking system to facilitate booking a slot for prayer.
- Slots for prayer can be booked at **edmosque.org/covid** from the 15th of July and eventually via the EdMosque mobile app (update coming soon).
- Tickets for the daily congregational prayers will go live at 7pm the evening before i.e tickets for Monday go live 7pm on Sunday.
- Tickets for the Jumu'ah prayers will be live at 8pm every Wednesday.
- You are only permitted to book a slot for yourself.
- Once successfully booked, you will see a booking confirmed message in the app.
- The QR code will only become visible after the prayer prior to it has been performed.
- You must bring the QR code with you either electronically on your phone, or printed in hard copy for scanning.
- **You will not be permitted to enter the Mosque for the prayer if you do not have a valid ticket.**



What to Expect when attending a congregational prayer

- Ensure you have booked your slot via the app or website and that you bring the QR code with you, either electronically on your phone or as a hard copy.
- You will not be permitted into the building without a valid QR code.
- The Mosque will open 15 min prior to the scheduled congregational prayer and close 15 minutes after it finishes.

When arriving at the Mosque

- Queue at the main door on the socially distanced markers.
- Have your face mask on, your prayer mat and your bag for your shoes visible.
- When you reach the front of the queue a team member will scan your QR code to check you in.
- You may be subject to a temperature check. If you are found to have a high temperature you will be isolated and asked to return home.
- Please remain patient with the queuing system. It will take more time than usual to get everyone into the building.



Upon entering the Mosque

- Remove your shoes and place them in your bag. Do not leave your shoes on the shoe rack. You will take your shoe bag into the prayer hall with you.
- Sanitise your hands with the gel provided.
- Make your way to the next available prayer space, completing rows from the front and the far end of the prayer hall first.
- Lay out your prayer mat and wait for the prayer to commence. You can make use of this time to read the Quran, make dhikr/dua etc.

Exiting the Mosque

- Please leave the Mosque as soon as the prayer ends.
- Sunnah and Nafl prayers should be performed at home.
- FOR DAILY PRAYERS: You will exit via the Main Door only.
- FOR JUMU'AH PRAYER: Multiple exits will be used. You should exit from the door closest to you. One of our team members will guide you to the appropriate door.
- Maintain social distancing while exiting. Be patient and give those in front of you time to put their shoes back on.
- Do not congregate with others for socialising, either inside the Mosque or immediately outside.