

Alsalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatu Allah Wa Barakatuh, Dear Community Members,

Following the latest provincial mandated lockdown, The Ottawa Muslim Association (OMA) will be closed to the public effective at 11:59 PM on Sunday, April 18. There will be no salah or programs in the masjid until the lockdown is lifted. All Adhan and Salah including Taraweeh and Jummah will be held but not open to the public during this time. You can <u>click here</u> for more information about the current lockdown. In the meantime, we will continue to live stream the Friday khutbah, Taraweeh, and our online programs through Facebook and YouTube.

The community really brought warmth to the masjid during the first week of Ramadan. However, we have to abide by the regulations for the benefit of all community members. Please keep in touch with us online by watching our live streams and by joining in our daily online programming . Our <u>OMA Ramadan Guide</u> contains all the information you need.

We encourage you to be vigilant in protecting yourself and others from COVID-19. If you are someone who is in need of food or support during this time, please call 613-686-6320 or fill out the form available at <u>umo-og.ca/covid-aid</u>.

We also encourage all members of the community to take care of their mental, physical, and spiritual health. Ensure to exercise regularly such as going on walks with members of your household and call the elders in your community who may be feeling isolated during this time.

We know that many members of our community are regular congregants. Know that with the right intentions, Allah SWT will reward your salah with the same reward as praying in the congregation. Let us keep our spirits high and pray collectively for Allah SWT's intervention to stop the spread of disease and end this pandemic.

Although the mosque doors are closed, we are open to serving the community. If you are in need of any help or support, we are here for you. May Allah SWT keep you and your families protected and may He grant us the ability to get through these difficult times.

JazakumAllah Khayran

Kind Regards,

**Mohammed Adi** 

President of The Ottawa Mosque