

STATEMENT REGARDING CELEBRATING EID-UL-FITR DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Bismillah hirRahman nirRaheem

*In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.
Abundant Peace, Blessings and Salutations upon the Prophet Muhammad (S)*

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

May the peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be with you

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Just like that, another month of Ramadan has quickly come and gone, and one that was unlike any other in our lifetimes. While it was challenging and difficult to not be able to attend our Masajid or break our fasts with our loved ones, it also gave us an opportunity to spend more time with our families and bless our homes through our worship. The restraint shown and sacrifices made by the Canadian Muslim community during this holy month have been well recognized and appreciated by all the Chief Medical Officers of Health and public health departments across the country.

So while most of us still cannot go to our mosques or visit family and friends in their homes, we can still celebrate Eid as normally as possible, while being safe and responsible. We should still wear our best clothes, make sure we've paid our Zakat al Fitr in advance and eat something sweet like dates for breakfast. We should call out the Eid Takbeerat at home, perform Eid salah in our homes as Imams have described, and can attend one of many virtual khutbas. We can still go outdoors with our household members but should connect with our extended family and friends via telephone or video calls, just as we have been. We can exchange gifts and Eidi within our homes, deliver or e-transfer gifts to others. There are drive-thru toy and gift drives that have popped up and we can enjoy delicious meals at home with those who live with us.

We can do all of this, while respecting the provincial and public health recommendations on gathering sizes (which includes our household members, upto allowable limits) and whilst maintaining physical distancing. Now is not the time to be selfish, put lives at risk and throw all that hard work that we did during Ramadan away. Obeying the law is as much a civic duty as a religious obligation in Islam, and infractions can come with significant penalties and consequences to individuals and our communities.

Let's not spoil our Eid, and spend it enjoying the festivities safely and responsibly. May Allah  accept our supplications and may the joys and blessings of Eid permeate our hearts, our homes and our communities. Ameen.

EID MUBARAK!