



## Community Statement

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### Our Islamic Obligations as Humans

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We are seeing more and more cases of COVID every day, we have seen a shift from people questioning whether COVID exists to many of us knowing of someone who has tested COVID positive. We understand the hesitation to get vaccinated. There is a lot of information being circulated and it can feel overwhelming and scary.

We encourage the community to do their research, and while they explore whether they will or won't vaccinate, we all must realise the severity of this issue. This is not a flu that we can mostly recover from. It is not something that we can ignore, and go about our life like normal. This is causing illness and death not just to individuals, but to those around you, your loved ones, and those you come in contact with.

We urge you that no matter what you believe that you don't expose other people to that which may endanger them. Take precautions, even if you don't believe that the risk is catastrophic. Islamically, you are responsible for your actions and what you do.

*"If God so willed, He would have made you all one people, but He leaves to stray whoever He will and guides whoever He will. You will be questioned about your deeds. And You will be questioned about your deeds." The Holy Qur'an 16:93*

Make the choice to not put others at harm. People are suffering because of thoughtless individuals who continued to work and engage with others, hiding or ignoring that they were COVID positive.

Our religion teaches us the importance of the sanctity of life and the elimination of harm. Life is sacred and one of the greatest blessings of God. We are entrusted with protecting it. You have a duty to preserve life. By recklessly harming others, we are committing a grievous transgression against God.

Regardless of the situation we are in, regardless of the freedoms that have been taken away, regardless of your quality of life right now, our obligation is to protect life. We must take the advice of health experts. If we choose not to get vaccinated, then fulfil your religious responsibility in protecting others and stay home.

This is a not a time to centre yourself and your freedoms. This is a time to remember God and His power, to seek His mercy and to seek His forgiveness. May God grant healing for those afflicted with illness. May He forgive us for our shortcomings, put mercy in our hearts and give us the ability to remove harm from ourselves and those around us.

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا  
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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ. أَذْهَبِ الْبَأْسَ رَبِّ النَّاسِ وَاشْفِ أَنْتَ  
الشَّافِي لَا شِفَاءَ إِلَّا شِفَاؤُكَ شِفَاءً لَا يُغَادِرُ سَقَمًا

*I seek refuge in the Perfect Words of Allah from the evil of what He has created. O Allah, I ask You for wellbeing in this world and in the hereafter. O Allah, I ask You for pardon and wellbeing in my faith, my worldly affairs, my family, and my wealth. In the Name of Allah, I place my trust in Allah. There is no might nor power except with Allah. Remove the difficulty O Lord of mankind and heal. You are the Healer, no healing avails but Yours, a healing that leaves behind no ailment.*

*Our Community, Our Future*