

GUNG AHLIN MASJID

COVID SAFETY PLAN MARCH 2021

Purpose of the Plan

COVID Safety Plan (the Plan) outlines our preparation for, management and monitoring of risks posed by COVID-19 to the users of the Gungahlin Masjid. The Plan identifies these risks, our approach to prepare for the risks, ongoing management and monitoring of the risks. The Plan provides a detail mitigation strategy to ensure Gungahlin Masjid users and broader community are COVID safe.

Date of effect

This Plan is effective from Friday 19 June 2020. This plan was reviewed and updated on Wednesday 14 April 2021.

Plan review mechanisms

COVID Safety Plan should be revisited and updated following further updates to public health advice, and any changes to the Public Health Directions.

Document consultation

COVID Safety Plan has been developed in consultation with:

- Executive Committee of Canberra Muslim Community (CMC) Inc.
- Religious leaders of the Gungahlin Masjid
- Several volunteers of Gungahlin Masjid, and
- Several regular worshipers at Gungahlin Masjid.

Keep up to date on restrictions through the ACT COVID19 website:
www.covid19.act.gov.au

The Safe Work Australia website:
www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/

For further information on work health and safety in the ACT:
www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/5015

**RESTRICTIONS MAY
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Maintain good
hand hygiene



Stay 1.5m
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Density and Physical Distancing

Gungahlin Masjid implements physical distancing as outlined in the Public Health Directions.

From February 2021, ACT has moved to **COVID-normal** stage of **Canberra's Recovery Plan**, following restrictions imposed by the ACT Government and applies:

- the **one person per two square metres of useable space** rule – both for indoor and outdoor spaces; and
- Mandatory use of **Check In CBR** app to collect contact details (from Saturday 6 March 2021).

The app helps protect the community by assisting the ACT Health contact tracing team with faster contact tracing if we have a confirmed case of COVID-19. The app is free and easy to use and the data is stored securely with ACT Health for 28 days to assist with contact tracing if required.

Gungahlin Masjid has register for the **Check In CBR** app and received a QR Code. This app allows user to scan the QR Code to register their visit. Several QR Codes along with 'How to use' instructions are displayed both inside and outside of Masjid. Gungahlin Masjid offers other (for example, pen and paper) options for maintaining a register of users attending the Masjid in the case of disruption in internet reception or the **Check In CBR** app itself. For those who do not have a smart phone to use the **Check In CBR** app, they should be checked in by management staff or volunteers using the [business profile](#) within the **Check In CBR** app.

Masjid management continuously remind its users the mandatory use of **Check In CBR** app.

Gungahlin Masjid encourages those attending Masjid to keep 1.5 metres away from other people/groups they do not know.

In terms of 1.5m physical distancing guidelines, Gungahlin Masjid is electing not to follow the 1.5m physical distancing guidance during obligatory prayers ONLY to maintain Islamic ruling. Detail risk mitigation strategy has been developed and can be found at the end of this document.

Cleaning, Sanitizing and Hygiene Activities

The CMC Executive Committee (EC) has agreed to ensure appropriate cleaning and sanitizing practices and supplies in place to minimize the risk to COVID-19 transmission at the Gungahlin Masjid. Several cleaning, sanitizing and hygiene activities have been agreed, including:

- Respiratory and hand hygiene awareness
- Hand sanitizers at each entrance point
- Regular environmental cleaning and decontamination protocol
- Additional hygiene supplies on order to supplement existing stock
- Masjid cleaners managing cleaning requirements and extensive cleaning arrangement including high touch point cleaning.

Signage

The EC has agreed to display signage around and within the premises to increase awareness and communicate and promoting hygiene measures, physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, allowed occupancy number and QR codes. These signage/posters cannot be removed without approval from the EC and all Masjid users must comply with the instructions provided on these signage/posters.

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Managing person presenting with illness

Any worshiper, visitor, contractor or member of the community attend the Gungahlin Masjid with clear symptoms of illness; will be requested to leave the premises. The CMC EC is urging everyone to stay home if they are unwell. A message is placed on the Gungahlin Masjid website to instruct people not to enter the premises if they are unwell.

Access Control

Following measures are in place to minimize physical contact:

- Manage ingress and egress. Separate entry and exit strategy to avoid traffic congestions and volunteers at the entry door remind worshipers not to enter the Masjid if unwell.
- People with health conditions and health vulnerabilities are advised to pray at home.

Additional Measures

In addition to the above, the CMC EC is advising all Gungahlin Masjid users to observe below measures while being present in the Masjid:

- Follow latest information and instructions. COVID-19 information is available on Gungahlin Masjid website providing latest instructions, information on COVID-19 and restrictions at the Masjid. Regular information circulars and emails to all members and Masjid users to promote awareness.
- Worshipers are advised to bring their own prayer mat.
- Encourage those attending Masjid to keep 1.5 metres away from other people/groups they do not know except during the obligatory prayer and avoid social interactions.
- Leave the Masjid as soon as obligatory prayer is complete.
- Masjid is generally open for short period and only during the obligatory prayer time and Quran classes.
- Remember that restrictions may have eased but our responsibility hasn't.

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Events and Functions

Following measures are in place to minimize physical contact during an event or function:

- Manage ingress and egress. Separate entry and exit strategy to avoid traffic congestions.
- Additional volunteers must be present to manage mingle and ensure reminding to maintain physical distancing.

Special Events: Ramadan 2021

In addition to above measures, following measures will be in place to minimize increase risk of community transmission of COVID-19 during the month of Ramadan:

- As Gungahlin Masjid is expecting significant increase in number of worshippers during the evening prayer (Tarawee Prayer), following maximum number of occupancies must be maintained to manage the risk:
 - **Main prayer hall (Men):** 126,
 - **Main prayer hall (Women):** 118,
 - **Classrooms:** 52, and
 - **Outdoor (Marquee):** Up to 300.
- Additional volunteers must be present to remind and assist worshippers to use the **Check In CBR app** and scan the QR Code each time they visit the Masjid.
- Gungahlin Masjid must conduct cleaning especially high touch points before and after Tarawee Prayer each night.
- Gungahlin Masjid must remind worshippers to bring their own prayer mats.
- Gungahlin Masjid must remind worshippers not to visit Masjid when they are unwell. A reminder should be sent via SMS services and/or WhatsApp or announcement at the Masjid during the prayer break.
- Worshippers must leave the Masjid as soon as the prayer is complete – there will be no extended gathering following the prayers.
- A limited number of packed (in plastic container) food will be available each night which will be for 100 – 150 people. This will be served at a different time – couple of hours prior to the Tarawee Prayer mentioned above.
- No food will be offered indoor. Gungahlin Masjid is installing temporary marquee (not enclosed) outside the prayer hall to provide outdoor space for the worshippers to have their food.
- This marquee may be used for the worshippers to perform their Tarawee Prayer when Masjid reaches its indoor capacity. Additional volunteers must be present to remind and assist worshippers to use the **Check In CBR app** and scan the QR Code.

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QR Code

Attendees MUST use the **Check In CBR app** and scan the below QR Code each time they visit the Masjid.

Gungahlin Masjid



(414)9377779959039

Can't scan? Enter the code **959039** manually to check in.

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