



## **Eid Mubarak**

### **Have a Happy and Safe Eid**

There are some key things to remember this Eid-ul-Fitr to stay safe during the Coronavirus outbreak.

EQIP has worked with partners at Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Public Health, NHS CCGs Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire's Mosques and Masjids to bring this very short guide to celebrating Eid safely this May.

## Eid Mubarak!

Eid-ul-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan which usually is celebrated by families and communities coming together to celebrate in Mosques and visiting wider families and friends in their homes. This year Eid-ul-Fitr will fall during this bank holiday weekend depending on the sightings of the new moon.

However, this year in the continued circumstances of a national social distancing lockdown due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the **social distancing rules** still apply and we urge you to comply with them.

In these unprecedented times it is imperative that public health is put first and in line with Government guidelines that:

***We celebrate in our own homes with the people we live with and not gather in congregations at the Mosque or any open space to offer Eid prayers.***

Where possible, Eid *salah* (prayers) should be prayed at home during Covid 19 and no other adults or anyone else outside your household should be invited to perform the prayer at your home. Further information on how this can be performed can be sought from your local Mosque.



Many families visit the cemeteries where their loved ones are laid to rest, on the day of Eid. In this current pandemic period, we ask that families practice social distancing, bearing in mind the dangers from the outbreak are not over. In order to reduce high numbers, can families **strongly consider** visiting cemeteries on other days around Eid and do so whilst maintaining social distancing. It is also advised that the number of visitors and the length of time spent at the cemetery is reduced to keep everyone safe.

### **Government Guidelines are:**

- ❖ Stay at home as much as possible  
The reasons you may leave home include:
  - For work, where you cannot work from home
  - Going to shops that are open, eg food and medicine
  - To exercise or spend time outdoors
  - Any medical need, to donate blood, avoid injury or illness, escape risk of harm or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person
- ❖ Avoid public transport if you can

- ❖ Limit contact with other people
- ❖ Keep your distance in public – 2 metres
- ❖ Regularly wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds
- ❖ Do not leave home if anyone in your household has symptoms. Read more here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

For the latest national advice please check here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Summary of the national advice and support in Warwickshire is here: <https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-630-2037>

For advice on how to stay safe (including whilst shopping, outside and in the workplace) visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/socialdistancing](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/socialdistancing)

Or on the NHS website here: <https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus>

### Advice from the Muslim Council for Britain

Due to the ongoing restrictions on community gatherings across all four UK nations, Eid-ul-Fitr this bank holiday weekend will need to be celebrated largely at home, with limited outdoor interaction and no Eid prayers in Mosques or public spaces.

Guidance for Muslim communities in the UK for celebrating Eid is available on their website here:

<https://mcb.org.uk/press-releases/eid-al-fitr-2020/>

DO...			
 Wash, wear your best clothes and wear perfume	 Pay Zakat Al Fitr in advance	 Eat something sweet for breakfast	 Call out Eid Takbiraat at home
 Perform Salah at home, either Eid prayer or Nafil Salah**	 If not shielding, go outdoors with household members <b>only</b> and connect virtually with others	 Exchange gifts within households or by ordering online/post	 Enjoy a home-cooked dinner or a take-away meal eaten at home
DO NOT...			
 Go to the mosque. Sadly community gatherings are not permitted	 Visit family and friends in their homes	 Gather in a group of two or more who are not from your household.	

If you need any detailed advice on how to celebrate Eid safely and for more information around specific religious practices in light of the Covid 19 restrictions, please contact your local Mosque and Masjid in Warwickshire:

**Rugby Mosque Society**

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**Nuneaton Muslim Society**

Tel: 02476 382372

Website: [www.nmsuk.org](http://www.nmsuk.org)

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**Baital Ehsan Mosque**

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**Masjid and Muslim Community Centre**

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