

## Ramadan Activities

### Breaking of Fast (Buka Puasa)

1. For congregants who are unable to break their fast at home with family due to work commitments, some mosques which are able to, may set aside an area (separate from the prayer area) where congregants may break their fast, subject to the prevailing safe management measures. Congregants may then perform their evening (Maghrib) prayers before returning to work. Overall, congregants who are able to are strongly encouraged to break their fast and perform their maghrib (evening) prayers with their family members at home.

### Terawih Prayers

2. Mosques will be conducting Tarawih prayer, after the congregational Isyak prayers, which will commence at 8:45 p.m. Dedicated spaces for female congregants will be made available at all mosques.

3. To manage the capacity capabilities at mosques, and in response to requests from congregants who requested for an orderly and safe experience, congregants will need to book their Isyak and Tarawih prayers through the online system. There will be a single booking window for the whole month of Ramadan, and congregants may book multiple times throughout Ramadan. Congregants are advised to plan ahead, and to cancel their bookings if they are feeling unwell and unable to come to the mosque, so that others may get the slots. Booking will start on 31 Mar 2022 at 10 a.m., with about 60,000 spaces available nightly.

### Qiyam and Other Activities

4. Qiyamullail (night prayers) will also be conducted at selected mosques during the last 10 days of Ramadan. No booking will be required, but qiyam sessions will end at 4:30 a.m. There will be no sleepover at mosques and pre-dawn meals will not be provided.

5. Mosques which are able to will also offer other activities such as *Tadarrus* (daily Quran reading), *Khatamul Quran* and daily *Kuliah* (lectures), with adherence to safe management plans similar to the daily prayers at mosques. Selected *kuliahs* at mosque will adopt a hybrid format, with the session being made available online through **via SalamSG TV** or mosques' social media platforms.

6. To minimise risks of community transmission, as well as to remain within capacity limit for mosques, prayers during Ramadan and Hari Raya Puasa will be conducted within mosque premises, which will ensure proper adherence with the streamlined measures. Prayers previously held during pre-COVID times at void decks and other open areas will not be organised.

## **Continued Support for Low-income Families**

7. Zakat payment & disbursement activities will resume as per previous years at the mosque counters. For their own convenience, Muslims are encouraged to continue paying zakat and making donations via online means. Digital payments allow for greater convenience, regardless of time and location, whilst providing the same blessings as fulfilling these religious obligations at the mosque.

8. Zakat payment can be made via **Zakat.sg**, and the community can continue to donate to the centralised donation portal **OurMasjid.SG** to support mosque operational costs.

9. Mosques will continue to support low-income households who are recipients of zakat assistance during Ramadan. Social development officers and the network of mosque befrienders will continue to reach out to families on long-term zakat financial assistance. Zakat financial assistance will remain available from the 31 Social Development Mosques island wide.

## **Ensuring Safe Resumption of Religious Life**

10. Since the outbreak of the pandemic, the Office of the Mufti has been providing the appropriate religious guidance to ensure the community can continue to practise and fulfil religious obligation in a safe manner.

11. The Office of the Mufti will be releasing a series of Ramadan FAQs via its social media platform to guide the Muslim community navigate Ramadan through this endemic period. The social media post will provide answers on religious queries and guidance as raised by the public such as queries on vaccinations and nasal swab test during Ramadan.