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# Press Release

## Virtual Congregational Salaah

**Queens, NY, April 20, 2020:** Several issues were brought to the attention of the Caribbean American Muslim Association (CAMA) regarding the performance of Salaah in congregation or listening to the recitation of Qur'an during this period of self-quarantine. Each was given detailed attention while efforts were made to secure the scholarly rulings on such matters.

1. The offering of any Salaah with an Imam who is distant and through any on-line platform is invalid and Islamically illegal.
2. Masaajid and Islamic Centers must strictly follow the health and state official guidelines for social gatherings and distancing.
3. All forms of congregational Salaah in the Masjid which includes the five daily Salaah, Salaatul Jum'uah, Taraweeh, and Eid-ul-Fitr are suspended until the restrictions on congregating in the Masjid is lifted.
4. Muslims are encouraged to perform the five daily Salaah and Taraweeh individually or with family members at home. Such performance of Salaah is an approved substitute for the congregational Salaah in a Masjid.
5. It is permissible, and Muslims are encouraged, to listen to the recitation of the Qur'an, lectures, and reflections on Islam on-line or through any media (e.g. recording).

We pray to Allah Subhanau Wa Ta'ala for the safety, health, and security of all and that we return to praying in congregation at Masaajid as soon as possible.

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