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# Press Release

## **Eid-ul-Fitr Salaah in Light of COVID-19**

**Queens, NY, May 15, 2020:** Since the Masaajid are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and no public gathering is permitted, the Caribbean American Muslim Association (CAMA) wants to advise Muslims regarding the upcoming Eid prayers.

The Eid prayer is not the same as the Friday prayer, as the Friday prayer has different conditions and rulings. According to our scholars, the Eid-ul-Fitr Salaah can be prayed at home under these circumstances. Muslims can pray the Eid-ul-Fitr Salaah in their homes with their own families (or individually in case one is living by oneself), and there is no need for a Khuṭbah.

CAMA encourages Muslims to pray the Eid-ul-Fitr Salaah at home due to the special and unique circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and government requirements for self isolation.

Eid-ul-Fitr will be on either Saturday, May 23, 2020, or Sunday, May 24, 2020, pending the sighting of the new crescent of Shawwal. On the day of Eid, we encourage everyone to pray the Salaah at 8:15 AM. After the Salaah, everyone should join our live video Eid Message at 8:30 AM. Instructions will be sent on how to perform the Salaah and join the live Eid Message.

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

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