



Friday, March 13, 2020

Salamun alaikum,

At Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Association of Edmonton (ISIA), the health and well-being of our community is our top priority. We understand the concern and uncertainty you may be experiencing surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and are committed to being responsive to the needs of our community as the situation evolves. The number of cases in Edmonton and in the entire province is currently on the rise.

To prevent the spread of the illness **all programs and events** at the Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Association of Edmonton (ISIA) have been **suspended** until further notice.

Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Association of Edmonton (ISIA) continues to actively and effectively manage our center in response to COVID-19, with three key objectives in mind:

1. Keeping our community members safe.
2. Ensuring our center is operational to serve the community when we reopen inshallah
3. Doing our part as a corporate citizen to contain the spread of the virus.

This decision has not been made lightly and is out of precaution. We continue to monitor the situation closely in accordance to federal and provincial recommendations.

To reiterate some preventative measures,

- Self isolate if you are feeling sick
- Clean your hands by washing them with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%–95% alcohol immediately after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose. Soap and water should be used if hands are visibly dirty.



- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Recite Ziyarat Ashura
- Recite Hadithe Kisa

If for any reason you have been quarantined or have opted to self-isolate, please remember you are not alone.

The Executive Committee would like to let all members know that we are here to help. Contact any of the following for assistance with anything from groceries/supplies to moral support. We are here to help and support each other.

- Zuher Dhalla - 780.904.7860
- Imran Jafer - 780.240.7145
- Shakir Lila - 780.994.3999

We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause and urge you all to pray for the well-being and safety of all Muslims around the world.

Thank you, stay safe and vigilant

Islamic Shia Ithna-Asheri Association of Edmonton (ISIA) Executive



Also see:

1. Response from the Office of His Eminence Sayyid Ali Husayni Sistani to Questions on the Coronavirus.
2. Spiritual Guidelines on Dealing with Persons Infected with the Coronavirus.
3. Message from the Office of His Eminence Sayyid Ali Husayni Sistani Regarding the Coronavirus
4. Frequently Asked Questions – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
5. Coronavirus Advice (COVID-19)