

To: The Memphis Muslim Community, Imams, Scholars, and Masjid leaders,

From: Muslim Physicians and all Muslim Health Care Providers in Memphis and Shelby County

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We are the Muslim medical community serving Memphis and Shelby County and asking everyone in this community to follow Governor Bill Lee's guidance and recommendations released yesterday addressing the increase in the number of Covid-19 cases in Tennessee. There is also the emergence of a new Covid-19 strain that is more highly contagious than the current virus. The State of TN is ranked as one of the highest Covid-19 hotspots in the world based on the number of infections per capita. The governor requested everyone to limit gathering to no more than 10 in any indoor environment.

Therefore, we are recommending the closure of all Masajid in Memphis and Shelby County and asking the community to refrain from any public or private gatherings such as weddings, funerals, birthdays, and any other New Year's celebrations for the next two to three weeks. Many of our brothers and sisters have gotten sick and some have passed away. The loss of one life is too much for all of us. Life is precious and we ought to protect and save every soul.

As always, we care about the health and safety of everyone in the community and we wish everyone to be safe.

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