

Re-Opening of Worship Places Measures

for the GCC Countries - 2020



The United Arab Emirates



- ❖ Gradual opening of mosques and places of worship starting from July 1st to hold a maximum capacity of 30% worshipers. Continue suspension of Friday prayers until further notice.
- ❖ Re-open prayer rooms in shopping centers and towers starting from 29/9/2020 , to hold a maximum of 30% individual in compliance with all precautionary measures and procedures.
- ❖ Re-open mosques and places of worship in industrial cities from 29 September 2020 to hold a capacity of not more than 30%, and apply all precautionary and preventive measures.

Kingdom of Bahrain



- ❖ Gradual re-opening of mosques to perform Fajir prayers only starting from Friday , 28th of August 2020 , according to the following:
 - Re-open Mosques for Fajir prayers only , in all areas according to their respective readiness.
 - Continue suspension of Friday prayers expect at Al Fateh Grand Mosque with limited number of worshipers .
 - Limit performing Fajir prayers in mosques for men only , and prevent opening mosques for any other purposes
 - The reopening of mosques shall be under full supervision of the concerned endowments departments and in compliance with the health requirements.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



- ❖ Allow Friday and Congregational prayers to be held in properly-equipped mosques in the Kingdom, except for mosques in the city of Mecca, starting from Sunday, 8th of Shawal, with full adherence to precautionary measures and preventive procedures.
- ❖ The hajj was held with very limited numbers of pilgrims from within the kingdom, where only 10,000 people were allowed to perform the rituals this year.
- ❖ Re- allow the performance of Umrah , entering the Grand mosque and visit AL-Rwdah AL Sharifah in Al-Masjid an-Nabawī gradually according to different phases as follows:
 - Allow umrah performance for citizens and residents from within the Kingdom, starting from Sunday 17 Safar 1442H, corresponding to 4th of October 2020, to hold 30% worshipers (6,000 pilgrims/daily), with full adherence to health precautions of the Grand Mosque.
 - Allow performing Umrah , visits and prayers of citizens and residents inside and outside the Kingdom starting from Sunday , 15 Rabee al Awal 1442H ,corresponding to 1st of November 2020 , by 100% of the capacity (20 thousand pilgrims/daily,60 thousand prayers/daily) until the official announcement of the end of coronavirus pandemic or of the danger having passed, with full adherence to health precautions of the Grand Mosque

The Sultanate of Oman



- ❖ Continue lockdown of all mosques expect for the call to prayer (Adhaan) , in addition to all worship places until further notice.

Qatar



- ❖ Re-opening of all mosques to perform prayers and Friday prayers starting from 1st September , with full compliance to the applicable precautionary measures.

Kuwait



- ❖ Re-opening of mosques in modal areas for prayers starting from Duhur prayers (Noon Prayers) on Wednesday 10th of June 2020 , in addition to limit performing Friday prayers at the grand mosque for its staff only and broadcast it on Kuwait State Television , with complete adherence to the required precautionary measures.
- ❖ The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs has launched the «Kuwait Mosques» application, which can be downloaded from the App store and Android, to inform regarding open and closed mosques, and the dates of prayers at each mosque.