

Update and guidelines for Eid Adha prayer for MTWSNC

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Masjid Tawheed wa Sunnah will not gather this year for Eid al-Adha prayer.

North Carolina has ranked among the top ten states for covid cases during the month of July according to the CDC. **Despite this**, MTWS admin contacted Durham Parks and Recreation requesting use of local parks for the Eid prayer but our request was denied.

Putting the safety of the believers first, we made the difficult the decision to cancel our Eid gathering and activities this year. The heart is grieved but we will not say except what pleases our Lord.

Eating on the Eid: Those who will **not** sacrifice on the **day of Eid** can eat **any food** they choose before or after Eid prayer (Eating dates before the prayer is only for Eid al-Fitr). For those who will sacrifice immediately after the Eid prayer it is recommended (not obligatory) that they delay eating until they sacrifice (Fawzan). It is recommended to eat the liver of the sacrificial animal first, only because the liver cooks fast (Uthaymeen).

Fasting during the days of Tashreeq: It is **not** permissible to fast the day of Eid and the following three days of sacrifice for those not performing Hajj (Fawzan).

Eid prayer time: Earliest you can pray is 15 minutes after sunrise. Time ends at midday.

How to pray: The man of the home leads his family in prayer. If the household only has women, they are also encouraged to pray the Eid prayer.

1. Say opening Takbir (Allahu Akbar) aloud, recite opening supplication silently.
2. Say additional 6 Takbir (Allahu Akbar) aloud. Raise hands with each Takbir.
3. Seek refuge with Allah from satan, recite al-Fatiha and then Sura 87
4. For 2nd Rakat, say Takbir aloud, stand up, then say additional 5 Takbir aloud.
5. Recite al-Fatiha and Sura 88. If you have not memorized Sura 87 and 88 recite what is easy for you to recite.
6. There is NO sermon after the Eid prayer when prayed at home.
 - Forgetting the number of Takbirs, does NOT invalidate the prayer.

We hope to return to the Masjid soon with Allah's aid, while doing our due diligence to safeguard the Muslims. We thank Allah for decades of Eid celebrations He has given us.

"Eid is not for the one who wears new clothes, Eid is for the one whose obedience increases" Ibn Rajab.

May Allah bless you. Your support is appreciated.

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