

# Masjid Al Huda

## COVID 19 (Coronavirus) Funeral (*Janazah*) Operating Procedure

Masjid Al Huda is taking all necessary precautions to ensure a reduction in risk of exposure while in attendance at our facility. We are monitoring communications from the Centers for Disease Control, Illinois Cemetery and Funeral Home Association, along with local, state, and federal health agencies regarding information and proper procedure for Covid-19.

In an effort to minimize risk to all members of our community, we are implementing the following guidelines. During the times of making arrangements and attending burials:

1. **Two (2)** members from a family are permitted in the office to organize burial arrangements.
2. To prevent the virus from spreading, a **minimum of six (6) feet distance must be maintained** between the two (2) family members and any members of our staff.
3. Consistent with current Center for Disease Control Procedure: No public event should have more than ten (10) people in attendance. Therefore, **only ten (10) people will be permitted on cemetery grounds for service**. This includes cemetery staff, cemetery personnel, the funeral director, and any representatives of the Masjid. This is in an effort to protect your family and members of the community, while still performing a proper Islamic burial.
4. While on the cemetery grounds, a **minimum of six (6) feet must be maintained** between all people.
5. Also, per Bluff City Cemetery Guidelines: Handling of cemetery equipment is limited to members of cemetery staff. After the body is placed on to the lowering device and the body is turned, everyone must go back to the road to watch while the body is lowered and the vault cover is placed on. After, **and only after**, members of staff have filled the grave and cleared their equipment, people may come back to the grave for prayers.

We understand that the loss of a family member is a difficult time. We at Masjid Al Huda do our best to ease that difficulty through the efforts of our volunteers. The deceased and your families are our utmost priority, and these guidelines and procedures are in place to help keep us all safe. We all make up this community, and a singular Ummah, together. Inshallah we can all stay safe and healthy, and with the help of Allah Ta'ala, we will get through this.

## Masjid Al Huda Funeral Service Contacts

- Rezwanul Haque (847) 401-1435
- Javed Akram (708) 404-2525