



COVID-19 LEICESTERSHIRE MUSLIM FUNERAL SUPPORT

FUNERAL STRATEGY FOR MUSLIM FAMILIES ACROSS LEICESTERSHIRE

A concerned group of Muslim individuals and organisations are working, in collaboration with Masjids across the City, to coordinate a funeral service for all Muslims across our county. We will combine our resources and run a coordinated service in order to meet the needs of our community at this very difficult time. We pray that the Almighty eases things for us and we do not wish to alarm the community however it is best to be prepared for all eventualities. Insha-Allah, this will give us the best chance to be in a position to deliver a funeral service to the community as required.

Below are the KEY STEPS agreed in principal that will come into practice on Sunday 29th March 2020 for ALL burials in Leicestershire until further notice. Those that wish to make their own private arrangements are completely free to do so.

Key points for COVID-19 deaths:

- A dedicated team of volunteers are in place to provide comprehensive funeral services and to manage the high volume of deaths expected as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- A dedicated central team has been established to coordinate ALL burials.
- The deceased will be brought to the designated location for COVID-19 DEATHS to minimise risk.
- The appropriate rituals will be carried out at this site.
- All non COVID-19 deaths will be taken to other janazah facilities across the city.
- Saffron Hill Cemetery will continue to be the sole location for Muslim burials.
- Statutory paperwork will be all handled remotely as far as possible.

COVID-19 Death

On the death of a family member, the family (next of kin) should call one of the following telephone numbers:

Salim Mangera	07833533490
Salahuddin Chughtai	07710458526
Zubeir Hassam	07879610649

- The call handler will explain the entire process to the family.
- Family members who may think they have been in contact with the deceased will be expected to self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days as per national guidelines.
- Collection of the body will be arranged by the call handler with our 6 man volunteer team in full PPE.
- The deceased will be brought to the designated facility where the appropriate rituals will take place, Ghusl/Tayammum depending on the circumstances, with a fully trained volunteer team in full PPE
- The deceased will then be taken to cemetery at the allotted time where janazah will be performed by our 6 man cemetery volunteer team who will be in full PPE and will be responsible for ALL duties this includes the carrying of the coffin, lowering into grave and back filling.
- Immediate family members who are self-isolating will not be able to attend.
- The family members will be informed of the burial.

Non COVID-19 Death

On the death of a family member, the family (next of kin) can call one of the following telephone numbers:

Salim Mangera	07833533490
Salahuddin Chughtai	07710458526
Zubeir Hassam	07879610649

- The call handler will explain the current situation and process at the time of the call.
- The call handler will signpost the family to a family's preferred funeral arranger or Mosque where the normal processes will be undertaken and the burial completed.
- National guidance in relation to social distancing and limited numbers must be followed at all times.

IMPORTANT POINTS

Please follow ALL instructions given by the COVID-19 Leicestershire Muslim Funeral Support Team who are ALL volunteers and taking time out to assist the community during these difficult times.

Visiting the house of the deceased to pay respects is strictly prohibited. This is based on strict national guidelines.

We are constantly reviewing the situation and we will endeavour to communicate any updates as and when they happen.