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FATWA ON ISOLATION DUE TO COVID-19

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

All praise is due to Allah and peace be upon his messenger Mohammad, his family and companions.

It is an Islamic obligation to isolate for anyone who tests positive to COVID-19. If one possesses symptoms of the virus, suspects carrying the virus or is awaiting a result after testing must remain in isolation and follow the advice outlined by the health department. This will include abstaining from attending daily prayers in the Mosque and attending the Friday Jumaa prayer.

It is Islamically forbidden to conceal or hide a positive COVID test result from the public health authorities. If one knowingly remains active in the community whilst positive, then this action will further increase the spread of the virus whilst bringing harm to the community.

Allah (SWT) says **“And do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction”** (2;195), And the Prophet (PBUH) says **“There is no harm or bring harm to others.”** (Muwatta Malik)

And Allah Knows Better.