



## Safely Observing Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr May 7, 2021

Dear Partners and Community Members,

The Alameda County Public Health Department is reaching out to communities who are observing Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr this spring.

COVID-19 continues to pose a severe risk to communities and requires all people in California to follow necessary precautions until enough people in the state have been vaccinated or achieve immunity. Until then, the safest way to gather, celebrate, and worship continues to be limiting mixing among different households and, if gathering occurs, spending time outdoors. When people from different households mix, the risk of COVID-19 transmission increases, including highly contagious variants that have been identified in California.

We respectfully ask that you follow the state's gathering guidance to reduce the spread of COVID-19, to protect yourself and those you love as you celebrate your faith:

- **Wear a mask if you don't know the vaccination status of those around you**, including on public and mass transportation, at any events and gatherings, shopping and in stores, and anywhere you will be around people who do not live with you.
- **Commit to keeping gatherings short and limit the number of households**, whether inside or outside.
- **Alameda County's risk level is moderate.** Places of worship are open. It is strongly recommended to limit capacity to 50%. Capacity limits on places of worship are not mandatory but are strongly recommended.
- **Don't share utensils or drinks** with anyone.
- Travel increases your chance of getting and spreading the virus. **Persons arriving in California from other states or countries, including returning California residents, should practice [self-quarantine](#) for 10 days after arrival.** These persons should limit their interactions to their immediate household.
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- **Stay home if you are sick.**
- **All Alameda County residents ages 16 and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination, and children aged 12-15 are expected to be eligible soon.** For matters of convenience, appointments can be scheduled after Ramadan ends. Visit <https://covid-19.acgov.org/vaccines> to find a vaccination site near you, or make an appointment with Alameda County by calling 510-208-4829 or going to <https://www.primarybio.com/r/alco-vax-signup>

Eid Mubarak!