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Subject: **Guidelines – Eid Ul Azha Prayer & Qurbani**

Reference NCOC (CDC-NIH) session 04 July 2022.

NCOC (CDC-NIH) during its above referred session deliberated upon the implementation of SOPs/Guidelines for Eid Ul Azha Prayer & Qurbani. Subject guidelines are attached as Annexure “A” to this letter, please.

2. Forwarded for strict implementation.


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- Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Islamabad.
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- SPS to Secretary to Prime Minister, Islamabad.

Guidelines - Eid UI Azha Prayer & Qurbani

1. Eid UI Azha will be celebrated on **10 July 2022** in Pakistan. Being a significant **religious event / congregation**; Eid UI Azha prayer and Qurbani assumes greater importance under current **COVID situation in the country**. Apropos following guidelines will be adhered to for safe management of Eid prayers / Qurbani to prevent disease spread:-

a. Guidelines – Eid UI Azha Prayer

- Eid UI Azha prayers should be organized in open spaces under stringent Covid protocols. In case of any compulsion to offer the prayers inside masajids; then all windows and doors should be kept opened for ventilation / to minimize the chances of disease spread.
- Preferably 2-3 Eid prayers should be organized at one single venue with staggered timings to afford opportunity for maximum people to offer prayers with COVID protocols.
- All Ulemas leading Eid prayers should be sensitized to keep sermons and Khutbaas short so that people remain present in prayer venue for brief duration of time.
- Efforts should be made to discourage sick, elderly and young children for not attending Eid prayers.
- Under no circumstances, people should be allowed to enter the prayer venue without proper face mask.
- There should be multiple entry and exit points at prayer venue to avoid jumbling up of individuals / prevent transmission of disease.
- Venue organizers should ensure availability of sufficient quantity of hand sanitizers at the entry points. It should be mandatory for all coming for prayers to use sanitizers before entering the venue.
- To ensure social distancing protocols, venue organizers to ensure prominent marking (6 feet apart) to allow sufficient space / distance between individuals.
- People should be encouraged to perform Wuddu at homes before coming for the prayers and also bring own prayer mats at the venue.
- Efforts should be made to sensitize people to refrain from embracing and hand shaking after the prayer to avoid chances of disease transmission.
- There should not be any gathering at the prayer venue before the prayer and people should be asked to disperse immediately after the prayer.

b. Guidelines – Management of Qurbani

- Efforts will be made to promote and encourage central / collective Qurbani through various public, private and community organizations, while ensuring adherence to COVID-19 protocol that is mask wearing, social distancing avoidance of crowd etc.
- Continuous engagements will be ensured by Provinces with Ulemas for encouraging people for central / collective and online Qurbani.
- Individual Qurbani may be allowed, however collective will be preferred.
- Provinces to initiate awareness campaign to educate masses on the possible spread of COVID during meat distribution; therefore, care must be exercised in meat handling / distribution.
- The site of slaughtering should be away from residential areas and preferably at open / vast spaces.
- Crowding at slaughtering should be avoided, minimum persons should be allowed to be present at the site.
- Any other measure as deemed appropriate to contain disease spread.