

## ISLAMIC CENTER OF BOISE ANNOUNCEMENT (COVID-19)

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020

**Islamic Center of Boise is cancelling all Activities including Congregational Juma and Five Daily Prayer Starting Friday, March 20, 2020. The ICB Facility will be closed and this Closure will remain in effect until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. We will re-evaluate the situation March 31<sup>st</sup> and make decision moving forward.**

Assalam-o-Alaikum ICB Community Members,

Rapidly spreading Corona Virus (COVID-19) is posing an existential threat to mankind. The nature of spread, the absence of medication and the higher mortality rate has put the entire world on edge. Authorities have announced emergency measures and enforced drastic actions-Restricting Travels, "Shelter in Place" rule, Closure of all Activities and Restricting Personal Movement. **These are not normal times and therefore, it requires Implementation of Preemptive Safety Actions.**

ICB leadership reviewed the current advisory and recommendation of the Center of Disease Control (CDC), the increase in COVID-19 threat level in the local Boise community leading to closure of valley schools and the recommendation of the Islamic Organization (ISNA, FCNA). **Following the guidance of Basic Islamic Fiqh that "Preservation and Protection of human Life is Paramount", Islamic Center of Boise has decided to cancel all activities and close the ICB facility in order to protect the health and Safety of our community.** These are difficult decisions that we make as a community with abundance of caution and every member has a role to play in keeping our community safe. **It is our moral and spiritual responsibility that we ensure the common health of the larger community.**

*"As Muslims we do believe that nothing happens without Allah's permission. The Qur'an states, "Say, "Nothing will happen to us except what God has ordained for us; He is our Protector." In God let the faithful put their trust." (9:51) Total reliance upon Allah SWT does not exclude precautionary measures such as social isolation, surveillance, prevention, treatment, quarantine and other CDC approved measures. The Second Caliph Umar (RA) refused to enter Syria which was afflicted by an epidemic. FCNA-March 16, 2020.*

**ICB will continue to monitor the COVID-19 threat level and decide accordingly. We will keep you posted on the developments. May Allah SWT protects us all.**