## ISLAMIC CENTER of Greater Cincinnati

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Assalamualaikum,

We hope and pray that our dear community is having a beautiful Ramadan. We miss the camaraderie of coming together during this blessed month, but the safety and health of our community has been our utmost priority during this global pandemic.

Governor DeWine has signalled a step wise approach to re-opening the state on May 1, 2020 under a Responsible Restart Ohio Plan. This applies initially to healthcare and selected businesses, followed by opening of retail and consumer services on May 12, 2020. Because the danger of COVID-19 still exists, there are ongoing closures of schools, restaurants, gyms, and more. Also, there are still prohibitions on large gatherings of more than 10 people.

With the large gatherings that we are blessed to have in our masjid, especially during Ramadan, when over 1000 people gather to pray, many from susceptible populations, it would be unsafe to resume prayers and activities. As such,

ICGC has made the difficult decision to continue the cancellation of congregational prayers and on site activities until further notice, when it becomes safe to reconvene inshaAllah.

As leaders, our utmost priority is the health and well being of our community and with consultation such decisions are made.

Please keep ICGC and the broader global community in your duas during this most blessed month, with ongoing supplications to see us through this trial with health, faith and perseverance.

May Allah SWT reunite us all soon with blessed gatherings in His Masjid!