**Prayer Rooms: Covid-19 Health and safety measures**

Anyone feeling unwell must stay at home and if they have COVID-19 symptoms must follow the Government requirements and guidelines.

Students, staff and contractors should immediately notify the University of positive COVID-19 tests by emailing: [covid19mdx@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:covid19mdx@mdx.ac.uk)

Students self-isolating should also immediately notify the University by emailing; [covid19mdx@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:covid19mdx@mdx.ac.uk)

Health and safety measures in place:

* All excess furniture and equipment will be removed and stored securely
* Hand hygiene facilities are provided and promoted
* A COVID-19 cleaning and sanitization programme will be in operation
* Staff and students will be encouraged to use a ‘hygiene key’ (where possible) for door handles, switches, etc.

• There will be no singing or chanting during the COVID-19 period of restrictions

• Capacities for the prayer rooms are: Male prayer room 20, Female prayer room 9, Barn: males 30 & females 5. The maximum capacities must not be exceeded at any time

• There will be no sharing of equipment such as books, texts of other items

• Users of the prayer room must bring their own prayer mats and place them in the spaces marked on the floor

• Face coverings must be worn (apart from those with exemptions)

• Wudhu and washing areas will be taken out of use and must not be used

• Ventilation will be provided by using windows (at all times when the prayer rooms are in use)

• Attendance registers and/or NHS QR code must be used and records kept for 21 days (information may be shared with Public Health)

• Queues / pinch points will be managed so as to maintain 2m social distancing.

• If areas become busy or congested then people will be expected to show consideration for others and maintain social distancing and use face coverings

• If someone is feeling unwell a First Aider should be called on 0208411 6200.

• The casualty should remain where they are and others should maintain at least 2m distance.

• The First Aider will then treat the casualty and advise on further actions.

• In the event of a fire alarm, an immediate evacuation must take place using all available safe exits to leave the building.

• When outside of the building, all evacuees must move to a place of safety and maintain social distancing.