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## COVID-19 VACCINATION

The Imam Council of Metropolitan St. Louis is urging all Muslims to get vaccinated, and to follow the CDC rules and regulations against COVID-19.

This is not only beneficial for your health, but it is also your obligation.

According to the Qur'an and Sunnah, we are obligated to the best of our ability to do what we can to keep ourselves, and those around us healthy and safe. We also stress and urge that NO religious exemption is to be given to avoid receiving this vaccination, as this puts yourself and others at risk. Only your physician can provide this.

Allah (Subhanahu wa ta'ala) says:

وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا

{*And do not kill yourselves [or one another].*}

*Indeed, Allah is to you ever Merciful.* } [Qur'an, 4:29]

Allah (Subhanahu wa ta'ala) also says:

وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ

{*Do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction*} [Qur'an, 2:195]

COVID-19 is a modern-day plague. Currently, scientific advancements have produced a vaccine solution that is proven to be safe and effective in preventing the spread of this plague. This will help the return to normal living, and in sha Allah, return our prayers back to standing side by side and shoulder to shoulder, as we have been commanded to pray in unity and congregation.

Most importantly, getting vaccinated means we fulfill our obligation towards our neighbors and the community for the greater good. We must keep ourselves safe and minimize the possibility of putting anyone in a position of potential harm.

Our Beloved Prophet (Salla Allahu 'Alaihi wa Sallam), may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, said:

لا ضرر ولا ضرار

"Do not harm yourselves or anyone else."

We ask Allah to protect us from all physical and spiritual ailments. Ameen.

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