

SOMALI ISLAMIC CENTER OF OHIO (SICO)

Funeral policy during the COVID-19 crisis

April 19, 2020

We hope everyone is safe from this COVID19 pandemic season and my Allah SWT makes us easy and our families this difficult time. SICO leadership message to share with the community in the central Ohio is to obey the law of the land including government and state health authorities' directions. There are couples of new laws introduced due to the crisis of COVID 19:

1. Stay at home
2. Social distance (keep distance between individuals to 6 feet or 2 meter from each other)
3. Limiting number of people in a place (less than 10 individuals)

We are strongly advising Somali Community in Ohio to implement these laws because of your safety, our safety and the safety of the community in your neighborhood.

Due to COVID 19 Pandemic the funeral procedure has changed and we would like community to be aware of it.

1. SICO leadership recommends Rutherford Funeral Homes to handle deceased community members both natural death and COVID 19 death.
2. New Procedures of deceased Muslim in Ohio

	Natural Death Body	COVID -19 Death Body
Wash (Dhiqid)	Normal Procedure	No Washing Body
Kafnid	Normal Procedure	No Kafnid
Prayer limitation	10 individuals maximum	10 individuals maximum
Location of the Prayer	Masjid	Graveyard
Burial attendees	8 Family members	8 family members

Died

SICO leadership has nominated a committee to handle funeral services during this difficult time. Members of this committee are

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Ali D Hassan | Secretary of SICO |
| 2. Mohamed Hassan | Imam Masjid Abuhuraira |
| 3. Yasin Isse | Director MAS |
| 4. Abdulqadir Moalim | Director Ibnu Taymiyah Masjid |
| 5. Khalid | Director Abubakar Masjid |

This committee will work with Muse Derar for organizing funeral services. It is the responsibility of the above committee to provide Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles, masks and other protective gear.

Bending points

1. Dalmar TV community awareness night
2. Mass burial in case of high rate of death.