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National State of Disaster – Level 3 Update

We pray that this communique finds you in the best of health and *imaan, ameen*. As promised, herewith our position on transitioning to Lockdown Level 3 on 1 June 2020.

Following President Cyril's Ramaphosa's address on the 24th May 2020, and after broad consultation with medical professionals, members of the provincial disaster management team and members of the religious fraternity, the Executive Committee of Al Jaamia/Stegman Rd Masjid has resolved the following:

- In keeping with the best interests of the community we serve, with the principle of the preservation of life being the overwhelming factor, the masjid will **remain closed** to the public until further notice;
- In order to preserve the sanctity of the masjid, only our imam, MI Abdullah Forbes and the caretaker, will perform the daily *awqaaat*.
- Strict health and safety measures, according to the COVID-19 guidelines, norms and standards prescribed by government will be adhered to.

We trust that the above resolutions meet with your approval and understanding.

The likelihood is that consideration will only be given to the opening of the masjid and returning under a 'new normal' dispensation once we have transitioned through the peak of the pandemic or a vaccine is found.

For now, we are yet to transition through the peak of the pandemic, and it is with our community, society and humanity's best interest in mind that we will therefore remain closed.

It must be noted that the above was not an easy decision as we do not want a fatalistic approach. We have to continue making *duah* that Allah SWT grants us ease from this challenging period, including all the impositions of Covid-19, complete *shifaa* to the ill and an end to this calamity, *ameen thumma ameen*.

MI Abdullah Forbes will be continuing with some programs as initiated during the lockdown. MI Abdullah (mobile # 081 788 2686) is also available to our community for emergencies.

It is our endeavour to keep you, the Al Jaamia family, abreast of developments and will inform you of any changes in developments regarding the Al Jaamia Masjid. We pray that Allah SWT keep us all under His protection, *Ameen thumma ameen*.

Yours in the Service of Islam.

The Al Jaamia Masjid Executive Committee & Imaamat
