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# AFIC lauds Australian Muslim community for respecting social distancing during COVID 19

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"I am very proud of my wonderful Muslim community for respecting Chief Medical Officers' (CMO) recommendations and practicing social distancing". Said Dr. Rateb Jneid, president of AFIC.

"Although there has been isolated incidents of some Muslims taking matters to the extreme, completely closing mosques for major events and other incidents where some in the community have ignored social distancing advice, on the main, Muslims throughout Australia have adapted well to social distancing." Said Dr. Jneid.

Our prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings upon him, said "if there is an epidemic in an area, then its residents should not leave and if you know of an epidemic in an area, you should not enter it."

"Muslims throughout history have adopted safety precautions during epidemics. Our daily routines includes strict standards of personal hygiene that is observed throughout the day and night." Said Dr. Jneid.

"As I laud my community, I call on every Muslim to remain vigilant and to abide by CMO advice in order to wade our way to safety during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Alhamdulillah, we are grateful to Allah that we live in a nation that respects the well-being of its citizens, let each and every one of us continue to make sure that we do our utmost to keep ourselves, our families and our nation safe." Said Dr. Jneid.

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