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**Keeping the Community Aware Since 2005**  
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**Western New York Muslims**

**Peace & Blessings**

**At the Beginning of the Islamic Lunar Year 1442**

At the beginning of the first holy month of Islamic lunar year 1442, Muharram, on behalf of WNYMuslims we would like to wish everyone a year blessed with health, wealth, peace and happiness, which is indeed different from various reasons caused by the prevalence of COVID-19. Its' time to be patient by following and remembering the great examples of perseverance and tolerance set by Imam Hassan and Imam Hussain, RA and their families.

Wishing you all a New Year full of peace, happiness, in these tough times. May Allah bless us throughout the upcoming year and enable us to eliminate

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better place for us and our progeny.

### Personal Note

I would like to apologize for the long gap in the transmission of the newsletter due to unavoidable circumstances caused by the uncontrollable spread of COVID-19.

Since things are getting back to normal we ensure that our newsletter transmission will be regular as before, in sha Allah.

During the break we designed the new interface of our newsletter keeping in mind the convenience of our subscribers and focused on better contents. Due to the lock down lot of institutions/organizations are still closed or remotely open. We'll keep you posted as we'll be updated about the community events.

Suggestions are always welcome as there's always room for improvement.

Thanks for your cooperation and always being there for us.

Farina Mirza,  
WNYMuslims Inc.  
*Community Outreach Coordinator,*



## COVID-19 UPDATES

### USA

Total cases: 5,643,812

Total deaths: 175,651

Source: [CDC](#)

As of Aug 23, 2020

### ERIE COUNTY

Confirmed Cases: 9,295

Deaths: 676

Source: [ECDOH](#)

As of Aug 23, 2020

[City of Buffalo COVID-19 Response  
Resource Site](#)



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Being one of the most active, dedicated and devoted community organizations of WNY based upon the doctrine of

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and up-to-date information about coronavirus is critical during this challenging time.

The following resource site is built on the basis of the commitment to keep people informed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, providing them with quick, easy and secure access to frequently updated information and factsheets, as we follow public health guidelines to keep ourselves and each other safe.

Please click [here](#) to check the resources available pertinent:

- Health and mental health information,
- Support for older residents
- Small businesses and those looking for work;
- Information on homeless shelters,
- Free meals for Buffalo residents,
- Relevant data and statistics,
- Volunteer opportunities,
- Virtual cultural and child-friendly activities, and more.

This site will also include an *In Memoriam* section that pays tribute to the local lives lost in the pandemic.

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#### Reminders for the Community

- If you are sick or older than 60 years, avoid public gathering.
- Seek immediate professional medical treatment for breathing problems, fever, or flu-like symptoms
- Wash hands frequently, avoid touching one's own face, and regularly disinfect commonly touched surfaces.

encouraging diversity and providing service.

In pursuance of our goals we would request our ever-supportive community members and the students to join us and help WNYMuslims and its' following collaborations:  
 \* Desi Varsa \*United Business Network \* The Collective News/Junior in emerging as one unified community group of WNY. We would also appreciate if our subscribers can participate and can motivate and mobilize other fellow community members to join our caravan.

Our Volunteer jobs & internships are not only associated with community work but also its a great opportunity to polish marketing skills, build experience, and fulfill academic credit and service-learning requirements. We specialize in a variety of fields, including public relations, marketing, graphic design, media production, and journalism.

Interested candidates please:  
[email](#) us, call (716) 923-4386 or click [here](#) for more details.

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and keep a safe distance (about 6 feet or 2 meters) from others.

- Avoid crowded places and limit your activities in public.

community of WNY in the past and we hope we'll get the same response to our above-mentioned request as well. Thanks.



Guests

Imam Syed Khallilullah Qadri, Imam Masjid An-Nur, ISNF & Imam Ismail Ayash, Masjid Al-Eiman, ICAWNY

Host

Prof. Faizan Haq, Founder WNYMuslims

[Please click at the picture to see the video](#)



## Islamic Society of Niagara Frontier

### Masjid An-Noor

📍 [745 Heim Road, Getzville NY 14068](#)

☎ (716) 568-1013



### Masjid Taqwa

📍 [40 Parker Avenue, Buffalo NY 14214](#)

☎ (716) 568-1013



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### Prayer Registration

The mosque is open for daily **Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Magrib, Isha** as well as **Jumu'ah** prayers with certain restrictions.

Since June 30th 2020 NY state has allowed **religious gatherings of 33% of a house of worship's maximum indoor capacity**, provided that social distancing protocols and cleaning and disinfection protocols required by the Department of Health are adhered to.

Therefore, **120 people for the mosque can attend Jumma prayer**. We need to **register all attendees** for all the salat due to **NY state mandatory contact tracing protocol**. The sign-in link is present [here](#) on **ISNF web site** and below. **A separate sign-in is required for each salat.**

**Jumma Salat Registration:**

**First Jumma Salat: Khutbah @ 1:30 PM and Iqama' @ 1:45 PM**  
**Second Jumma Salat: Khutbah @ 2:15 PM and Iqama' @ 2:30 PM**

Please click [here](#) to register or

use the following QR code (before 6 PM, Thursday to be included in the draw)



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Therefore, **60 people at the mosque can attend Jumma prayer**. We need to **register all attendees** for all the salat due to **NY state mandatory contact tracing protocol**. The sign-in link is present [here](#) on **ISNF web site** and below. **A separate sign-in is required for each salat.**  
**Jumma Salat Registration**

Click [here](#) or use the following QR code (before 6 PM, Thursday to be included in the draw)



**A random draw will be conducted each week due to limited capacity and a confirmation email will be e-mailed at 6 PM on Thursday to the ones selected for Jumma' prayer.**

***Kindly enter your name & e-mail only once as it remains in the system for Jumma registration.***

Registration is for a single individual. If other members of your household want to attend, they must register separately.

**Please be ready to present your confirmation e mail to the security guard before entering the masjid gate for Jumma prayer.**

***(Kindly check your inbox as well as spam or junk mail folder for confirmation e mail).***

**All community members are expected to abide by the following recommendations;**

1. Admission is on **First-Come-First-Serve-Basis** until the capacity is reached.
2. **Age of attendees:** Minimum age **16 year** (note change). Members above 65 are advised to pray at home.
3. Perform **wudu at home**
4. Wear **face mask**.
5. **Mandatory Temperature check** at masjid entrance (by security guard for men & lady volunteer on ladies side)
6. Do not come to masjid if you have flu like symptoms or fever.
7. **Use the rear entrance door** for Masjid An-Noor.
8. Use **hand sanitizer** after touching any surface, door, handle etc.
9. **No socializing or gathering** in and around the masjid before or after prayers
10. Bring your own **prayer mat** or **use disposable paper mat or paper towel on the carpet. Do not share the prayer mats.**
11. The prayer spots are identified and marked appropriately in the prayer hall. Everyone is required to occupy an available spot.
12. **Pray sunnah' at home**, if possible
13. Avoid hugging, touching or shaking hands
14. Do not place phones, keys or other personal items on the masjid carpet.
15. Place shoes in shoe racks

*We humbly request everyone to comply with these safety instructions/requirements.*

## PROJECTS

### Masjid An-Noor Expansion Project Update:

The HVAC and external wall Dryvit work is in progress.

We need another **\$200,000 for the rest of the project**. We are confident that the generosity and commitment of our community members will lead to completion of this project.

The donation can be made via;

1. Mailing check to ISNF: PO Box 5, Getzville, NY 14068
2. Online\_ by clicking [here](#)
3. Or by scanning the following QR code:



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## Universal School

[1957 Genesee St, Buffalo, NY 14211](#)

☎ 716-300-5040



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Job Opening

The following are required to complete the application:

- Completed application
- Cover letter
- CV/resume
- Letters of Recommendation

Please click [here](#) to submit the application.

Following are the details:

#### ART TEACHER

Job Type : .5 FTE (part-time)

Rate : commensurate based on degree/certification/experience

Hours : 4 hours/day

Universal School, a not-for-profit private school, is looking for a part time Art teacher for grades K-8 and one HS course. The teacher will instruct on average two art classes a day and an art elective. Lesson and unit plans will follow the Backwards by design template. Teacher will also perform other classroom duties as requested or needed by administration.

Requirements: NYS certification in Art education preferred; a degree in Art will also be considered.

Universal School offers partial tuition assistance to qualified employees.

To proceed with your application, please complete the application directly on the site by downloading the file attached. You may also register with Universal School through indeed.com.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

No updates have been provided about the events, programs, and congregations by the following mosques:

#### Muslim Society of Buffalo

**Jami Masjid**  
[1955 Genesee Street](#)  
[Buffalo, NY 14211](#)  
 716-300-5040

#### Islamic Cultural Association of WNY

**Masjid Al-Eiman**  
[444 Connecticut St.](#)  
[Buffalo, NY 14213](#)  
 (716) 884-3626

#### Institute of Higher Islamic Education

**Masjid Zakariya**  
[182 Sobieski St.](#)  
[Buffalo, NY 14212](#)  
 (716) 895-3318

#### Lackawana Islamic Mosque

**Masjid Al-Huda**  
[154 Wilkesbarre Ave](#)  
[Lackawanna NY 14218](#)

#### Masjid Nu'man

[1373 Fillmore](#)  
[Ave. Buffalo NY 14211](#)  
 (716) 892 1332

#### Jaffarya Islamic Center

[10300 Transit Rd.](#)  
[East Amherst, NY](#)  
[14051](#)  
 (716) 689-3120

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