

As-salamu alaykum (Greetings of Peace)

As vaccines become more widely available, we have hope that we are turning the corner on the pandemic, but we must remain vigilant as new cases and deaths continue to rise.

For this reason, it is critical that we base our actions on clear, trusted information. At IMANA, we've seen a lot of questions and, frankly, misinformation about Covid-19 and the vaccines.

So here's the bottom line:

- 1. Vaccines save lives.
- 2. The benefits of these vaccines far outweigh the risks. Overwhelmingly, they are safe.
- 3. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines available in the US are halal. They have no objectionable ingredients.
- 4. Even though the vaccines were made in record time, there were no compromises done to the scientific process.
- 5. mRNA vaccines do NOT change your DNA.

If you want more information, go to IMANA.org and check out the latest statement on vaccines put together by the National Muslim Task Force on Covid-19 in partnership with the Black Muslim Covid Coalition. IMANA was proud to work with its partners in helping to lead in putting this statement together.

For a deeper dive, check out the excellent webinars available on IMANA's social media, the latest by Drs. Uzma Syed, Noor Jihan Abdul Haqq and Nada Fadul.

And remember, even with the vaccines, we need to continue practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and limiting the size of large gatherings.

Thank you and stay safe,

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