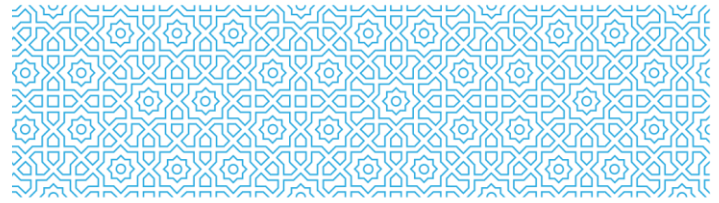




## New Edmonton West Jamatkhana and Centre - Frequently Asked Questions



As we prepare for the opening of the new West Jamatkhana, the following Frequently Asked Questions have been developed to provide the Jamat with information about the new facility. Further information will follow through the [iicanada.org](http://iicanada.org) website and the iicanada app, The Ismaili Edmonton social media channels and Jamatkhana announcements.

### **Where is the new West Jamatkhana and Centre located?**

The new West Jamatkhana and Centre is located a short drive away – less than five minutes – from our current West Jamatkhana. Arrangements will be made for the Jamati bus to continue giving rides to the new West Jamatkhana and Centre.

### **Is the new West Jamatkhana and Centre larger than the current one?**

The new West Jamatkhana and Centre has a large prayer hall that will provide ample space for the Jamat ranging from young families with children to the elderly and those who have reduced mobility. There is a larger chair section in the prayer hall than the current West Jamatkhana. There are also features of the new West Jamatkhana and Centre which will make it conducive to being a multi-use space, for prayers as well as other social activities. Parking will also be available for a larger capacity of attendees.

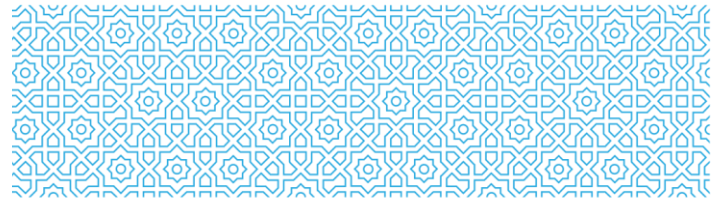
### **When is the new West Jamatkhana and Centre opening for the Jamat?**

The new West Jamatkhana and Centre is in the final stages of construction and finishing. While we do not have a confirmed opening date, we will keep the Jamat informed.

### **Why does Edmonton need a new West Jamatkhana and Centre?**

Edmonton's Jamat is growing and is especially populated in the Southwest of the city. The current West Jamatkhana's attendance has been rising since 2017. The new West Jamatkhana and Centre has a large prayer hall and equally large overflow space. It will provide an alternative Jamatkhana for at least 20 per cent of families attending Headquarters Jamatkhana. The new Jamatkhana and Centre is also in close proximity to major highways that are easily accessible to those living the Southwest side of the city.





**Is the new West Jamatkhana and Centre a purpose-built centre?**

The new West Jamatkhana and Centre was previously an event venue. A purpose-built prayer hall has been added to the facility as well as additional renovations to seamlessly integrate the various new spaces.

**Will the new West Jamatkhana and Centre be available for events like weddings and sporting events?**

The new West Jamatkhana and Centre will serve as a congregational setting as well as a community centre. The specific details have not yet been developed.

**Where will BUI be held once the new West Jamatkhana and Centre opens?**

West BUI will continue at the current West Jamatkhana location for now. Long-term options are being explored and the Jamat will be notified of any changes.

**Will tours be available of the new West Jamatkhana and Centre before it opens?**

Tours will be organized after the new West Jamatkhana and Centre is opened.

**How will the Jamat know about the new West Jamatkhana and Centre and the transition?**

The Jamat will have Frequently Asked Questions and updates available on the [iicanada.org](http://iicanada.org) website and [iicanada](http://iicanada.org) app, as well as receive updates through Jamati announcements.

**Will there be a celebration for the Edmonton Jamat once the new West Jamatkhana and Centre is open?**

Further details will be provided as we work towards a formal opening date; the entire Edmonton Jamat will be engaged in expressions of gratitude and celebration.

