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Celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri in the New Normal

The Malaysian Health Coalition (MHC) wishes all Malaysians Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

This Hari Raya will be different from past celebrations as we continue to practice physical distancing, avoid *balik kampung*, and avoid open houses. It is possible and important to celebrate Hari Raya with new norms of behaviour and celebrate the conclusion of an extraordinary Ramadan.

In welcoming the festive season, we urge the following:

1. Celebrate with members of your household only

While certain restrictions may have been lifted for Hari Raya, Hari Gawai and Pesta Kaamatan, we urge everyone to celebrate with members of your own household only. Limits on the number of visitors are highly relative and subjective. Therefore, celebrating only at your household will protect all your loved ones, such as elderly people and those with other health conditions.

2. Take precautions if returning to the mosque

As mosques begin to reopen and allow group prayers under certain conditions, we urge Malaysians to continue taking all the necessary precautions to ensure everyone's health and safety during worship. Follow the guidelines set by the Ministry of Health and abide by the recommended physical distancing rules. Alternative arrangements at home will continue to be meaningful throughout this period of conditional movement control.

3. Support your community

We understand that this may be a difficult time for some Malaysians who are unable to celebrate Hari Raya, Hari Gawai or Pesta Kaamatan with their loved ones. We encourage communities to support one another during this festive period. We can continue the spirit of charity, love and care for others that was upheld during Ramadan under MCO by actively checking on your neighbours and donating food or money to those in need.

We hope that the Rakyat will have a joyous Hari Raya celebration this year while continuing to practice new habits of physical distancing, good hand hygiene and celebrating in your households.

The MHC wishes all Muslims and Malaysians Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri and *Maaf Zahir Batin*.

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