

Rulings Regarding the Efforts of Medical Professionals Caring for Coronavirus Patients (COVID 19)

In The Name of Allah The All-Merciful The Beneficent

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Assalamu 'alykum wa rahmat'llahi wa barakatuhu

You are aware of what people are facing these days due to the Corona virus pandemic. The medical staff, nurses and volunteers in hospitals and clinics, which interacts with those who have this disease or are suspected to have it, are risking their health and may be their life because of what they do. They are exposed to being infected by this disease, what words does Marjiya (religious authority) have for them?

Please benefit us.

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The responsibility of treating, caring for and helping the ill is Wajib Kifa'ie (collective obligation on those members of the community who are capable of contributing) upon those who are qualified to do so, including medical doctors, nursing staff and others. However, it is the responsibility of the authorities concerned to provide them, all that they need to protect themselves from the dangers of contracting the illness, and there is no excuse for the failure or delay in doing so.

There is no doubt that the work that is being done by these dear individuals, despite all the challenges they face, is a great work, their effort is priceless and it may be as close in importance as fighting side by side in the trenches with the heroes defending the homeland and its people. It is certain that Allah the Almighty appreciates their efforts in this world and will reward them for it in the hereafter. In fact, we plead with Allah for those who have sacrificed their lives in this path that they obtain both the reward and the status of a martyr on the Day of Judgement. And we thank them greatly and express our highest appreciation for their magnificent humanitarian work and ask Allah the Supreme the All-able to protect them, save them and keep away from them all ill. Surely, Allah is the All-Hearing and the most able to answer [our prayer].

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مكتب سماحة المرجع الاعلى السيد السيستاني حفظه الله تعالى

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

لا يخفى عليكم ما يتعرض له الناس في هذه الايام بسبب (وباء فيروس كورونا) والكادر الطبي والتمريضي والمتطوعون في المستشفيات والمراكز الطبية التي تتعامل مع المصابين بهذا الفيروس او من يشك في اصابتهم به يخاطرون بصحتهم وربما بحياتهم فيما يقومون به، لأنهم عرضة لانتقال العدوى اليهم، ما هي كلمة المرجعية الدينية لهم؟ افيدونا مشكورين.

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ان علاج المرضى ورعايتهم والقيام بسؤدوهم واجب كفائي على كل المؤهلين لأداء هذه المهام من الاطباء والكادر التمريضي وغيرهم، ولكن يجب على السلطات المعنية ان توفر لهم كل المستلزمات الضرورية لحماية من يخاطرون الاصابة بالمرض، ولا عذر لهما في التخلّف عن ذلك .
ولاسك في ان ما تقوم به هؤلاء الاعزة - بالرغم من كل التحديات - عمل عظيم وجهد لا يقدر بهن، ولعله يقارب في الاهمية مزاحمة المقاتلين الانطال في الشجور دفاعاً عن البلد وأهله .
ومن المؤكد ان الله تبارك وتعالى يقدر لهم جهودهم في الدنيا ويشيخهم عليها في الآخرة بل يرجي لمن ضحى بحياته منهم في هذا السبيل ان يثبت له اجر الشهيد ومكانته في يوم الحساب .
وانما ان تقدم لهم جزيل الشكر وبالغ التقدير على عملهم الانساني الجليل نذوه الله العليّ القدير
ان يحمهم ويحفظهم ويبعد عنهم كل سوء، انه سميع عجب .

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