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Stricter measures enacted in Holy Land due to Covid-19



Israel on Monday announced even stricter measures to curb non-essential movement in public spaces, as the Mideast country has already suspended the entry of non-Israeli citizens to Israel. The Palestinian authority has also closed-off entire areas, as part of efforts to reduce exposure to the Covid-19 virus.

As a result, strict restrictions apply to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

In a statement, religious leaders of Holy Sepulchre, the site of Christ's crucifixion and burial, urged worshippers over the weekend to maintain social distancing, in order to help fight the spread of the coronavirus.

Church leaders at the ancient holy site in Jerusalem's walled Old City called on worshippers to "...avoid any act of devotion that might include physical contact,

such as touching and kissing the stones, touching icons, vestments and the personnel.”

while adding, “…The Holy Sepulchre is the ultimate place of hope. Hope that faith will defeat doubt – light will defeat darkness and life will triumph over death”.