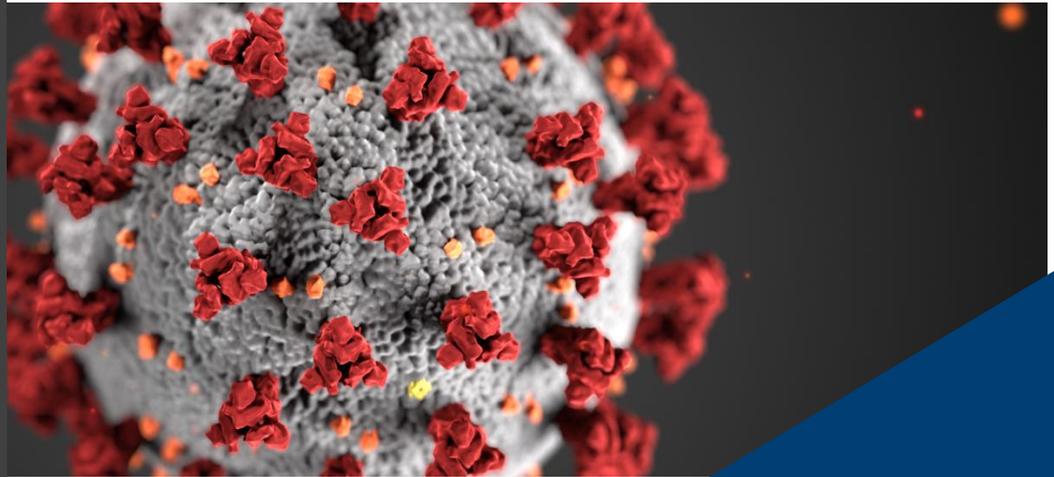


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I'm still baking and who knew English Muffins are made on a griddle!

ANNA MARIA
VALENTINE



I think right now it is especially important to be making plans for the future. For me, making vision boards is a fun, creative way to put your intentions out there into the universe while also thinking about your goals in a non-scary way. I highly recommend it!

RACHEL WACKS



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DEAD NO MORE

We've lived on this street for years, It's quiet, it's dead, it's sprinkled with cars, Each family contained in a backyard.

But
As confinement lingers, backyards shrink, releasing swarms on the street. For the first time, kids meet Fast friendships established Every day, on bike, on foot, on whatever comes afoot Our street taken by storm Dead end no more.

ANONYMOUS





Top: Boston Common Flag Garden (Memorial Day 2019)
Bottom: A significantly less grand, more local display (Memorial Day 2020).



The Boston Common Flag Garden, a beautiful and touching tribute to our state's fallen service members, was scaled down this year because of the pandemic. To replicate the spirit of the Massachusetts Military Heroes' (@mamilheroes) project—and to help them meet their goal of 37,000 flags across the Commonwealth by Memorial Day—my family and I planted 100 flags on our front lawn. We plan to make our #HeroesFlagGarden an annual Memorial Day tradition.

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