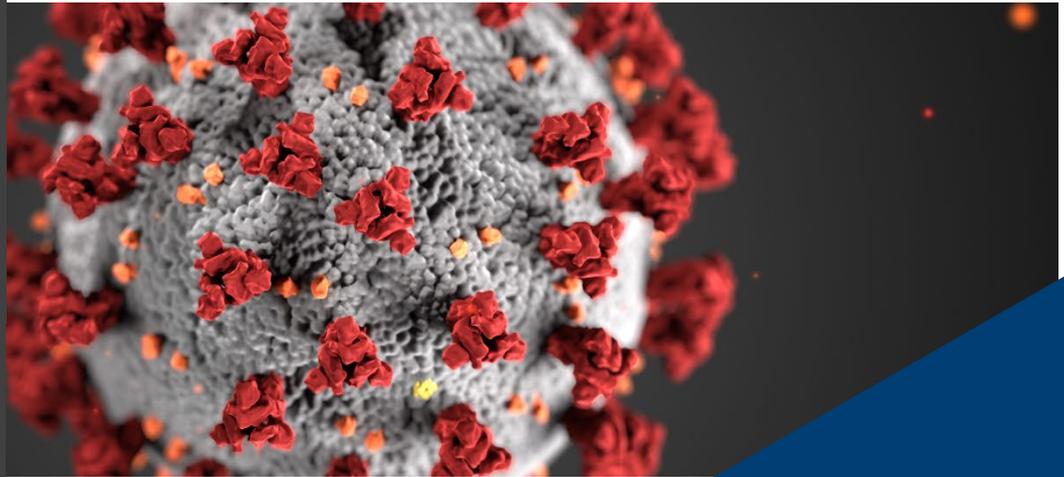


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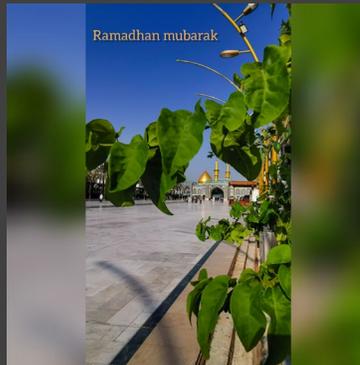
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Holy shrine in Kerbala-Iraq / [Source](#)

This year the Month of Ramadhan is different! Usually we attend community gatherings before sunset so we can break fasting together as a community. This year, we sat quietly! No rush and not me driving to get home from work so I can get some rest then share the table with everyone! This year our month of Ramadhan is unique in a bizarre way! A reflection of self-assessment and a stop to your routine and understand Ramadhan. It is an opportunity for those of us who have families overseas and couldn't make it before the month of Ramadhan to be with us to appreciate the presence of each one of someone's family around the same table in this month. And to remember, that fasting while family is away is just another lesson in patience and tolerance.

Haidar Al-Sara



One thing I'm appreciative for right now is getting some extra time with my beloved pets, Oscar the pug and Xavier. They are amazing office buddies. 😊

KELLY DVORIN



Here is a photo of my pup Koa, who is dedicated to helping me stay on task as I diligently reply to emails. 😊

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