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My name is Aminah. I am a 15-year-old high school student. My parents are from Myanmar, and I was born in Malaysia. Many people have died [from COVID-19]; may God comfort them! When one of the elders within our (Rohingya) community, who was a very old yet devoted, honest man with a pure heart, died when COVID-19 just broke out, everyone was taken aback, including me and my family who were somewhat close to him. He was admired by everyone in the community. Whenever anyone needed assistance, he would be there, no matter what it was. One day he was unexpectedly taken to the hospital.

There they held him for hours and hours and the doctor and nurses' tragic news was surprising! He got sick with COVID-19. Within a couple days after the diagnosis, he passed away. As soon as the news of his death circulated across our apartment complex and it was time for everyone to return to work, nobody went to work. Instead, everyone rushed to come see him and pray for his Janazah (Islamic funeral prayer). It was a complete heartbreak! His wife was sobbing uncontrollably to the point that she was on the verge of passing out.

Even after his death, almost everyone still talks about him, how they wish he was still alive, and all that lovely stuff. Unfortunately, he is no longer among us. It was such a privilege to have him in our lives. Even though he transformed us all by simply leaving us, he is an example of why it's critical to get vaccinated. I am fully vaccinated myself, received my first dose in July and second dose in September. In my opinion, by getting vaccinated, you'll be saving yourself and your loved ones all the time! Don't believe that a vaccine is merely a jab that will pass through your body and do nothing. It saves your life as well as everyone else's. Therefore, I recommend it to everyone!