

Locked Down and Anxious

ID 1: collage of a small red house on a green hillside. The image of the upper body of a woman overlaps the roof. Her head is buried in the palms of her hands. It's symbolic of worry and fear, and feeling their intensity amplified because of lockdown and separation.

ID 2: collage of a white house in a field of pink flowers. A woman's body is interwoven and entrapped by the house. She extends one arm as if to reach out to lend and receive support.

Shelter in Place

ID: Surreal neon collage of a bed surrounded by enlarged house plants. There is a cozy cabin in the middle of the bed, signifying ones world. The house plants symbolize the great outdoors, and they are enlarged to mimic a forest. This connection to nature is often the only one many living with this disease have.

You Are Not Alone

ID: Surreal neon collage of three beds, with three blue hands occupying them (neon pink background). Each hand has neon green first-aid care (bandage, safety pin, wrapped gauze, tensor bandage clip, etc) symbolizing ailment/illness. The fingers of each hand holds onto the same yellow winding string which spans across the collage. This symbolizes the connection found online—the only accessible means of supporting and fighting for each other, for the majority of our community members.

Not Out of the Woods Yet

ID: Surreal collage of two lower legs and feet (one red and one pink) walking through a beautiful forested floor (collage of an array of flowers and leaves in hues of pink and green). A miniature archer in armour can be seen on horseback approaching an ankle with his bow drawn. He is not perceived as a threat due his size.

This is symbolic of a "mild" covid case. From the outset the person is walking with ease through the flowers and flying birds, unhindered by his presence. However due to biological factors we do not yet fully understand, the archers arrow (virus) has struck the Achilles heel. (In Greek mythology an Achilles heel is a weakness in spite of overall strength, which can lead to one's downfall).

In the collage the arrow has torn deep into the Achilles heel as if it were a burning hot poker stick. The hit leg is bright red, signifying a shattering in the foundation of one's health. The words "not out" are written down the pink leg. The words "out of the woods yet" are written down the red leg.

This collage speaks to the underestimation of a highly destructive force.

Security Blanket

ID: Surreal collage of a black and white image of a woman being thrown up in the air using a blanket, held by eight men on a beach. The woman appears exhilarated and joyful, knowing she will be caught by the men on her way down. The center of the blanket is cut out and replaced with the flames of a fire. This juxtaposition symbolizes the trauma of not having a security blanket to catch you when you fall.

Community Care

ID: Close up image of two white hands in an exchange; one is passing a mask while the other is passing a rapid test. It symbolizes working together to protect each other as best we can.

Left Behind

ID: Collage with a black and white image of the backside of a woman lying on a concrete slab. She's wearing a white bikini, looking out over a body of water. A sailboat carrying three people is leaving towards the mainland in a hurry. It's symbolic of them only briefly visiting this remote place, and the woman realizing "being in this together" was only temporary.