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Almost overnight, COVID-19 has changed the way people interact with each other, and with our own bodies. The societal trauma this pandemic has caused will be remembered and felt by those who have lived through it for the foreseeable future. In the past, master painters would depict historically significant disasters that happened to them as a way to cope. As an artist who is learning the techniques of masters, I have the opportunity to create long-lasting visual information that depicts the trauma of this pandemic.