

slide 1**THE COMPANY YOU KEEP**

a response to the current and historical abandonment of the disabled community, along with other marginalized groups in the wake of COVID.

who will you align yourself with during these historic times?

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Columbus didn't care about the spread of deadly disease either.

Black and Indigenous communities are more likely to be disabled, hospitalized, and die from COVID.

KILL THE COLONIZER INSIDE YOU.

one COVID death in the US every 7 minutes.

wear a mask. save a life.

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Reagan didn't care about the spread of deadly disease either.

LGBTQIA+ communities are more likely to be disabled, hospitalized, and die from COVID.

KILL THE HOMOPHOBES INSIDE YOU.

one COVID death in the US every 7 minutes.

wear a mask. save a life.

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cops don't care about the spread of deadly disease either.

unhoused and incarcerated communities are more likely to be disabled, hospitalized, and die from COVID.

KILL THE COP INSIDE YOU.

one COVID death in the US every 7 minutes.

wear a mask. save a life.

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bezos doesn't care about the spread of deadly disease either.

low-income communities are more likely to be disabled, hospitalized, and die from COVID.

KILL THE EXPLOITER INSIDE YOU.

one COVID death in the US every 7 minutes.

wear a mask. save a life.

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Trump didn't care about the spread of deadly disease either.

undocumented communities are more likely to be disabled, hospitalized, and die from COVID.

KILL THE SUPREMACIST INSIDE YOU.

one COVID death in the US every 7 minutes.

wear a mask. save a life.

slide 7**WE MUST FIGHT COVID APATHY & MISEDUCATION**

covid is an airborne, vascular disease that has long-term impacts on nearly every organ of the body. repeat infections make the immune system more susceptible to damage, EVEN for those who are vaccinated.

each infection increases risks of hearing loss, strokes, heart attacks, early-onset dementia, and more.

wear a mask. save your life

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COMMUNITY CARE IS SELF CARE

we are all connected to each other.

stopping ONE chain of covid transmission can save someone from:

- missing a week's pay due to illness
- a costly uninsured hospital visit
- losing their ability to work long-term
- attending their child's funeral

utilize your power to protect your community.

wear a mask. save your life.

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covid education

- peoples cdc
- the death panel podcast
- project n95

covid organizing

- covid safe campus
- mandate masks US
- BHEE collective
- mask together america

covid is not over

wear a mask. save your life.

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if you made it to the end and are wondering 'what was the point?' or 'i don't mask (anymore) but i'm certainly no colonizer.', i would ask for you to sit with these statements:

- we can be both victims and perpetrators of white supremacy. at the same time. your pain does not negate the hurt you inflict.
- "the master's tools will not dismantle the master's house. they may allow us temporarily to beat him at his own game, but they will never enable us to bring about genuine change." - audre lorde

ableism is a tool of white supremacy. when you devalue the lives of disabled people you are embodying the values engrained in you by a society held up by white supremacy. we cannot fight racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, etc. without addressing ableism.

readings that helped me through this concept and got me to this point:

- The Right to Maim: Debility, Capacity, Disability by Jasbir Puar
- It Was Vulgar & It Was Beautiful: How AIDS Activists Used Art to Fight a Pandemic by Jack Lowery
- Health Communism: A Surplus Manifesto by Artie Vierkant and Beatrice Adler-Bolton
- Sister Outside by Audre Lorde

do not let white supremacy convince you to give up the power you have to care for your community. wear a mask.