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Water Stewardship, Health Stewardship
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Abstract
During the COVID-19 pandemic, masking and hand hygiene are key to individual and public health. Yet many people do not have access to clean water. This painting reiterates the importance of water for health and reminds us to be grateful stewards of this precious natural resource.

Figure. Hand Hygiene, by Hiu Ting Law
Media
Acrylic painting.

Caption
Wearing masks and keeping our hands clean are key health practices for surviving the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, for those of us without access to clean and safe water, protection against SARS-CoV-2 and other contagions is compromised. In the painting, one pair of hands washes under a stream of water of unknown source from above, visually suggesting the importance of water for washing and drinking and our obligations to be its attentive stewards. We don’t know whose hands these are or where in the world these hands are. They could be ours; they could be yours.

References

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