

[UN-BUMPING INTO YOU]

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The recent COVID-19 pandemic has eliminated the casualty of everyday living. Every meeting, be it in digital or in person, is highly planned and restricted. This formality causes nostalgia for the simpler times of socialization, where "bumping into" an acquaintance was a common occurrence in our daily lives as we transitioned to and from spaces. By framing circulation areas within the plaza, we create a barrier that protects those that are lounging in the existing sitting areas while permitting transparencies that allow for spontaneous interaction between the passerbies and those that lounge. These transparent barriers provide lines of sight and lines of physical interaction via playful plastic protected perforations that function as protective suits for our arms. The lounge areas are enhanced with small inflatable modular units that can be used as seats or as pillows on the existing plaza furniture. By making the pavilion a framing of spaces instead of an enclosed area, the project remains outdoors, so as to maintain the hygienic benefits of air circulation that is often lost when creating indoor-outdoor areas.

