

SI 206 Final Project Plan

1. What is your group's name?

- a. Analyzing the Impact of Temperature on COVID-19 and Flu Trends in Michigan and Nationwide
 - i. Research question: How does temperature affect flu or COVID-19 cases in Michigan?

2. Who are the people in the group (first name, last name, UMich email)?

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3. What APIs/websites will you be gathering data from? The base URLs for the APIs/websites must be different for them to count as different APIs.

- a. [FluView | Delphi Epidata API](#)
 - i. Base URL: <https://api.delphi.cmu.edu/epidata/>
 - ii. Endpoint: /fluview
- b. [COVID-19 Statistics API](#)
 - i. Base URL: <https://covid-api.com/api>
 - ii. Endpoint: /reports
- c. [Web Services API \(version 2\) Documentation | Climate Data Online \(CDO\)](#)
 - i. Base URL: <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/cdo-web/api/v2/>
 - ii. Endpoint: /data

4. What data will you collect from each API/website and store in a database? Be specific.

- a. Delphi Epidata API: We will collect the number of daily flu cases in Michigan and nationally.
 - i. Number of daily influenza-like illness (ILI) cases in Michigan. Number of daily ILI cases nationally.
 - ii. Weighted ILI percentage (wili) for both Michigan and national levels. Metadata such as epiweek (epidemiological week), region, and num_patients (total patients).
- b. COVID-19 Statistics API: We will collect the number of daily COVID-19 cases in Michigan and nationally.
 - i. Number of daily confirmed COVID-19 cases in Michigan.
 - ii. Number of daily confirmed COVID-19 cases nationally.
- c. Climate Data Online (CDO) API:

- i. Daily maximum temperature (TMAX) and minimum temperature (TMIN) in Michigan.
 - ii. Daily average temperature (TAVG, if available).
 - iii. Metadata such as station_id and location.
- d. Data Storage: We will store in tables
 - i. flu_data table with the columns: date, region, wili, num_ili, num_patients, epiweek.
 - ii. covid_data table with the columns: date, region, confirmed,
 - iii. climate_data table with the columns: date, location, tmax, tmin, tavg, station_id.
 - iv. Shared Keys:
 - 1. date: Used to join data across all tables.
 - 2. region: Used to join region-specific data (e.g., Michigan) between flu and COVID-19 datasets.

5. What data will you be calculating from the data in the database? Be specific.

- a. We will be investigating possible correlations between the average air temperature in a given region (Michigan or nationally), flu cases in the given region, and COVID-19 cases in the given region.
- b. Data to investigate:
 - i. Average air temperature (TAVG) in Michigan and daily flu cases (num_ili).
 - ii. Average air temperature (TAVG) in Michigan and daily COVID-19 cases (confirmed).
 - iii. Daily flu cases and daily COVID-19 cases in Michigan.
- c. Calculate daily, weekly, and monthly averages (as necessary) for:
 - i. Flu cases (num_ili and wili).
 - ii. COVID-19 cases (confirmed).
 - iii. Air temperature (TMAX, TMIN, and TAVG, or manually calculate TAVG if missing).
- d. Trend analysis:
 - i. Analyze seasonal trends in flu and COVID-19 cases relative to temperature changes.

- ii. Identify peak periods for flu and COVID-19 cases and compare them to temperature anomalies.

e. **Statistical Analysis.** Use statistical tests to analyze data:

- i. Linear Regression:
 - 1. Linear regression lets us quantify the relationship between a continuous variable (e.g., temperature) and another continuous variable (e.g., flu or COVID-19 cases)
 - 2. This test allows us to model how changes in temperature directly influence the number of cases and test for statistical significance.
 - 3. E.g. finding how a 1°F increase in average temperature may affect the daily number of flu cases in Michigan
- ii. ANOVA:
 - 1. ANOVA is useful for comparing flu or COVID-19 case counts across distinct groups, such as temperature ranges (e.g., cold, moderate, hot) or seasons.
 - 2. This test can determine whether differences in disease cases are statistically significant between these temperature categories.
 - 3. E.g. Investigating if flu cases are significantly higher during colder temperature periods compared to warmer periods

6. What visualization package will you be using (Matplotlib, Plotly, Seaborn, etc)?

- a. We will use Matplotlib to create scatter plots and line charts such as:
 - i. Scatterplot for: "Correlation between daily flu cases and air temperature in Michigan."
 - ii. Line chart for: "Trend of weekly COVID-19 cases over time."

7. What graphs/charts will you be creating?

- a. We will create visualizations of:
 - i. Number of Michigan COVID-19 Cases vs. Air Temperature
 - ii. Number of Michigan Flu cases vs. Air Temperature
 - iii. (Extra Credit) Number of Michigan influenza cases vs. the number of Michigan COVID-19 cases
 - iv. (Extra Credit) National trends of COVID-19 and flu trends vs. weather

8. Who is responsible for what? Please note that all team members should do an equal amount of programming and total work.

- a. Ashley Xu: Delphi Epidata API implementation and 1 corresponding visualization representing flu trends.
- b. Tharron Combs: COVID-19 API and 1 corresponding visualization representing COVID-19 trends.
- c. Shared tasks: Database setup, Climate data API, Statistical calculations for correlation, and final report