

The background features several stylized icons. In the top left, a purple robotic hand with blue circular joints is shown. Scattered around the central text are several virus-like particles, each with a circular body, internal dots, and radiating spikes, in shades of teal and light blue. In the bottom right corner, there is a purple computer monitor icon with a white screen, surrounded by blue circles and a cloud-like shape.

# **Machine Learning and COVID-19**

# Agenda

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The Problem



02

ML and COVID



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Findings



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Discuss  
Opportunities

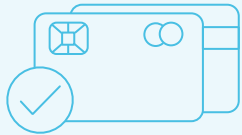


# A Public Health Crisis



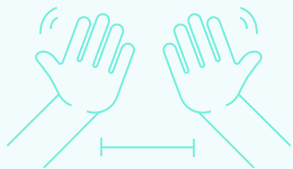
The virus

SARS coronavirus,  
first reported Dec  
2019



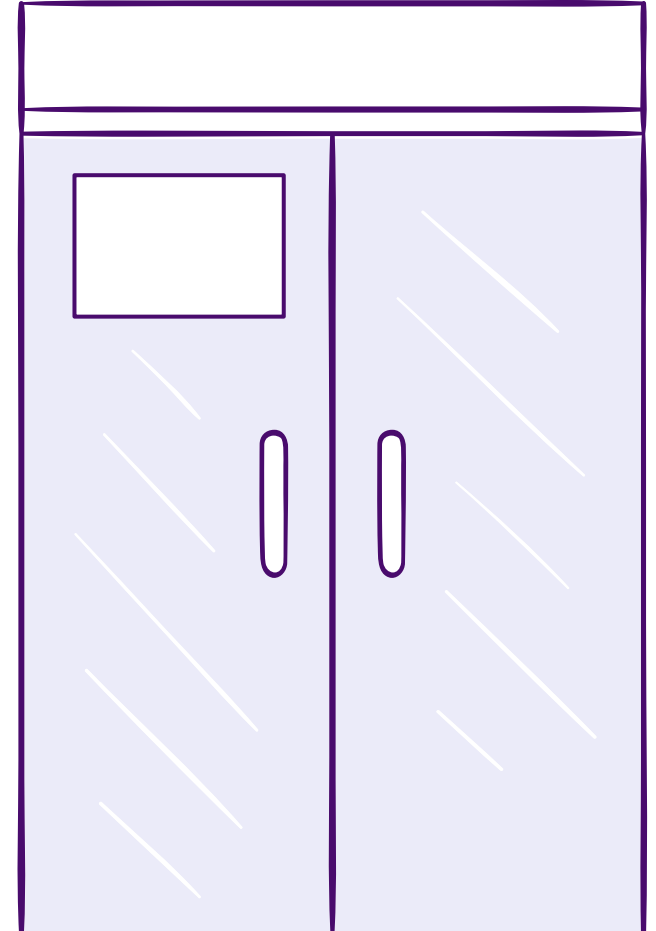
What we  
know

Developed vaccine,  
effective testing

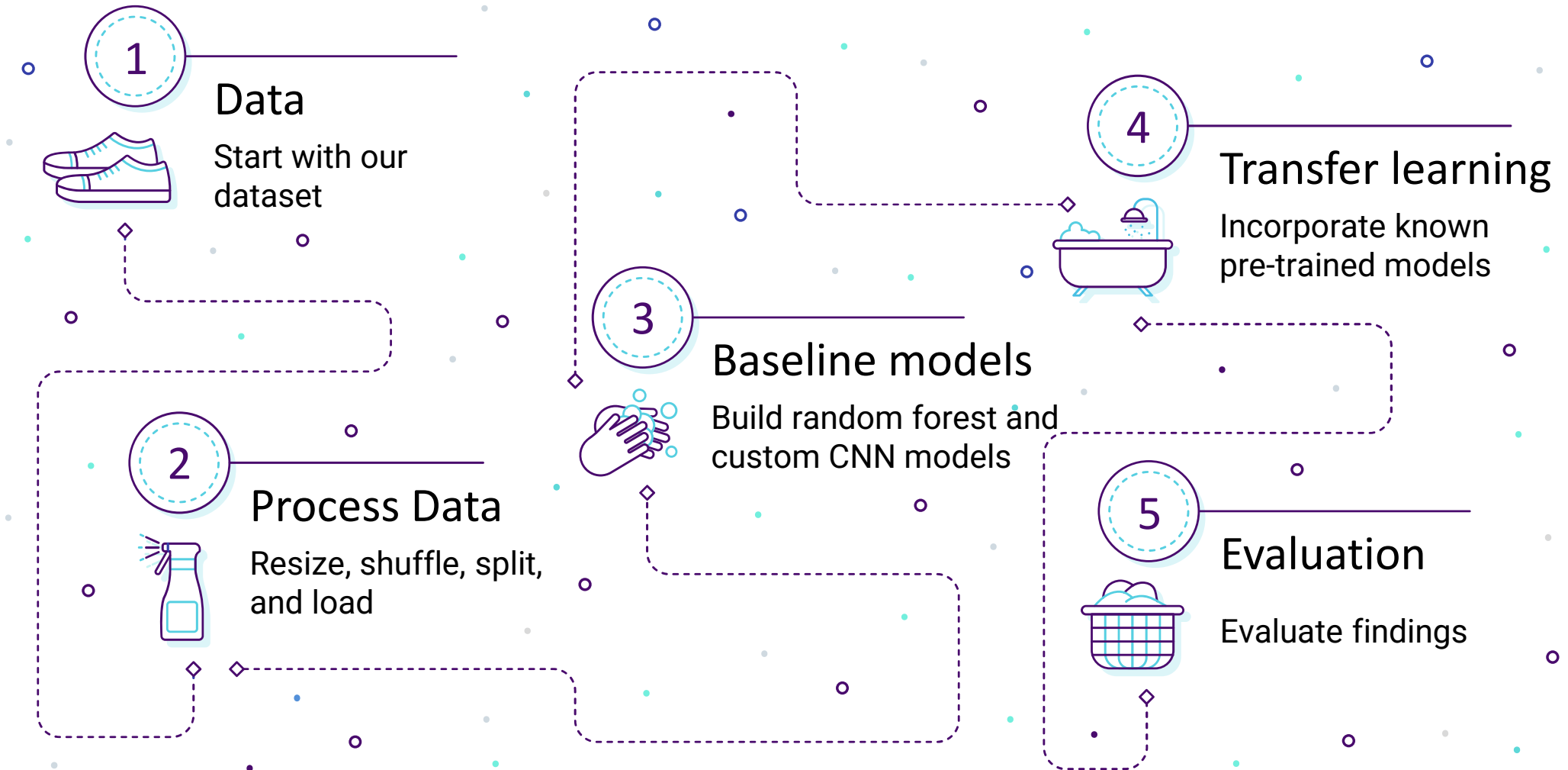


What we  
don't

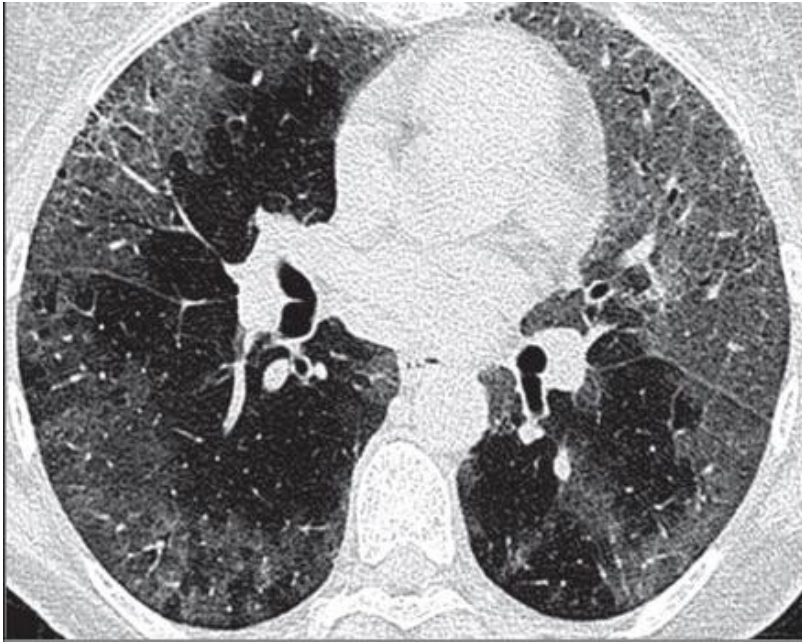
Human responses  
to virus are varied,  
not fully understood



# Machine Learning Solution



## The Data



COVID Negative

746 CT-scans of lungs from  
research papers

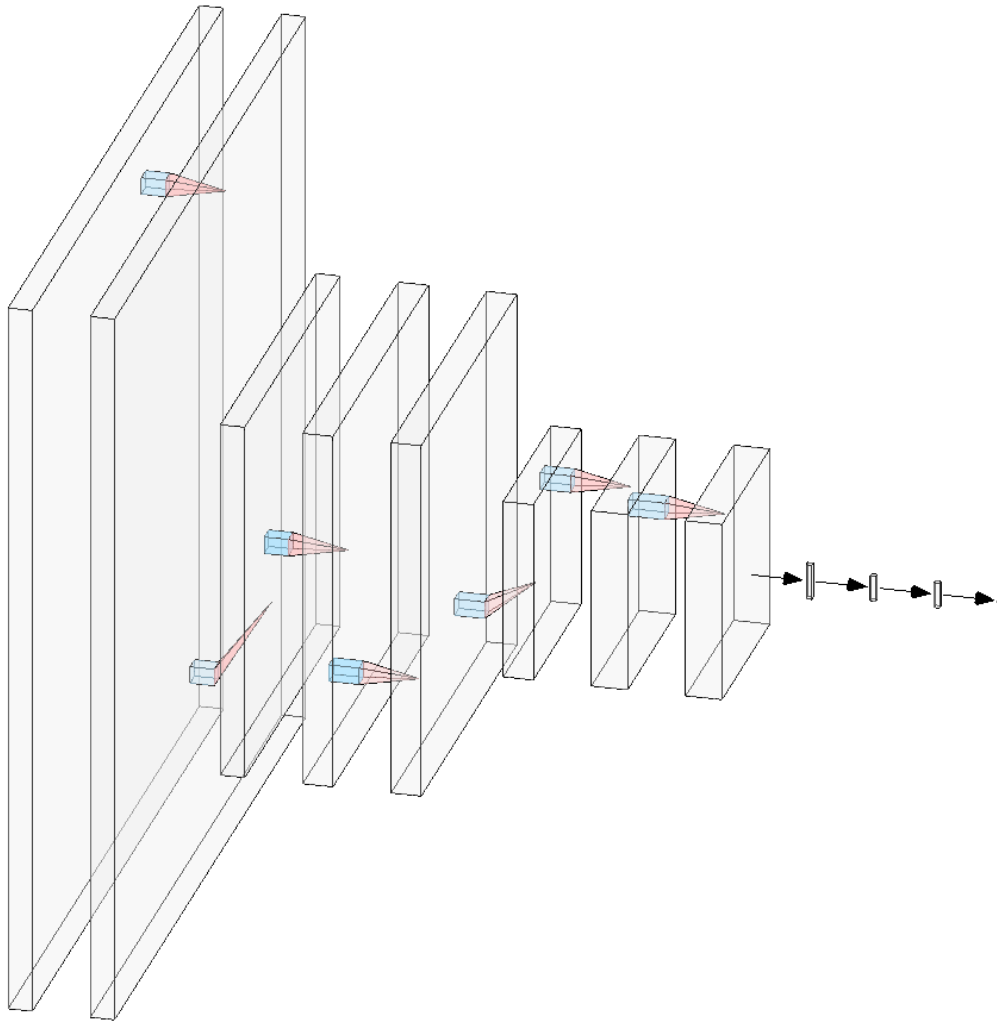
349 COVID positive, 397  
COVID negative

Png format, image sizes  
varied



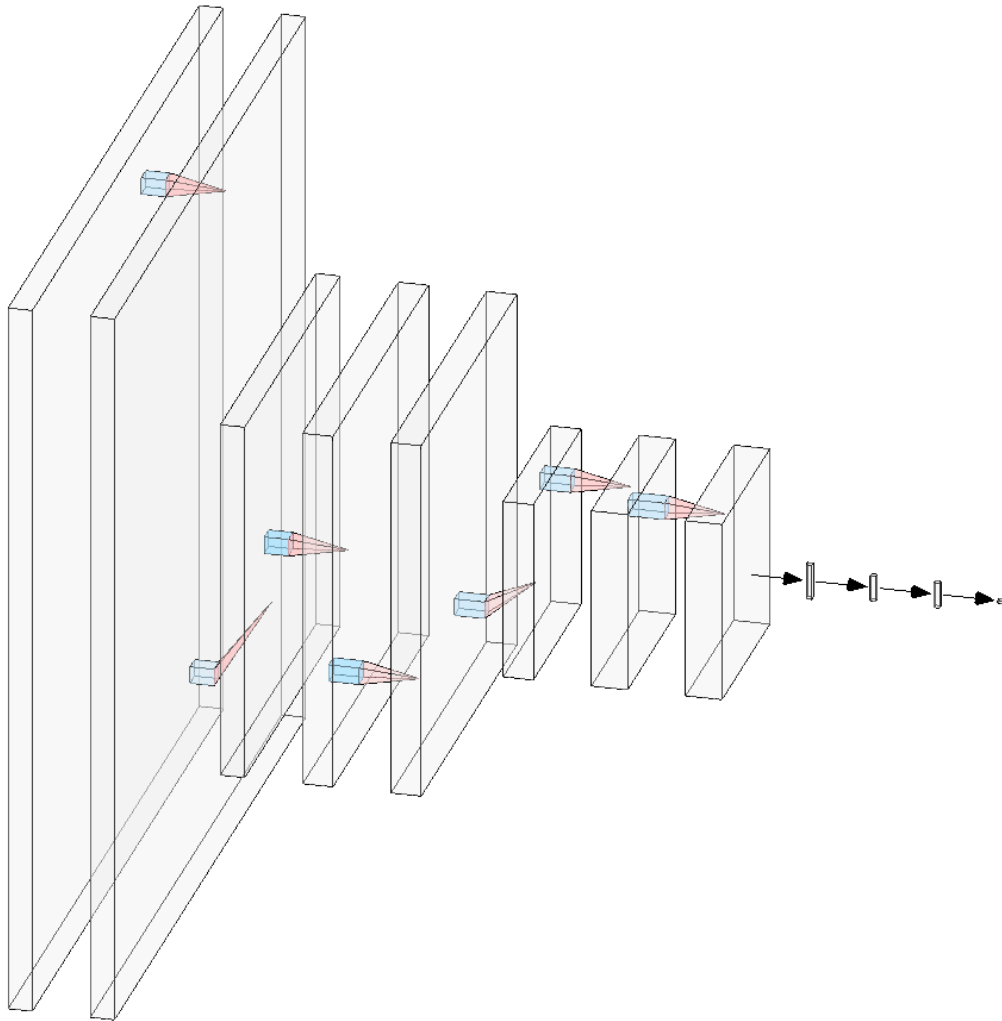
COVID Positive

# Building a base CNN model



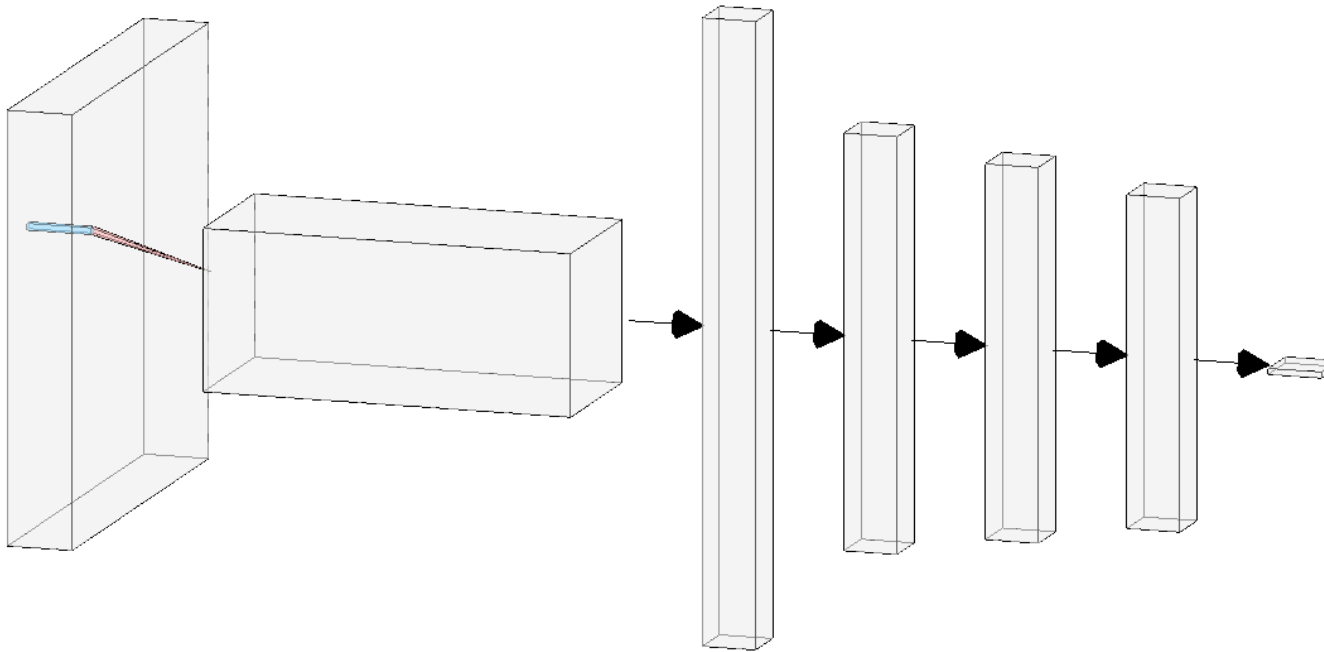
1. Convolutional block
  - 2 convolutional layers  
w/ 2 dropout layers
2. Convolutional block
  - 2 convolutional layers  
w/ 2 dropout layers
3. Convolutional block
  - 2 convolutional layers  
w/ 2 dropout layers
4. Fully connected block
  - 3 dense layers of  
decreasing size

## Building a base CNN model



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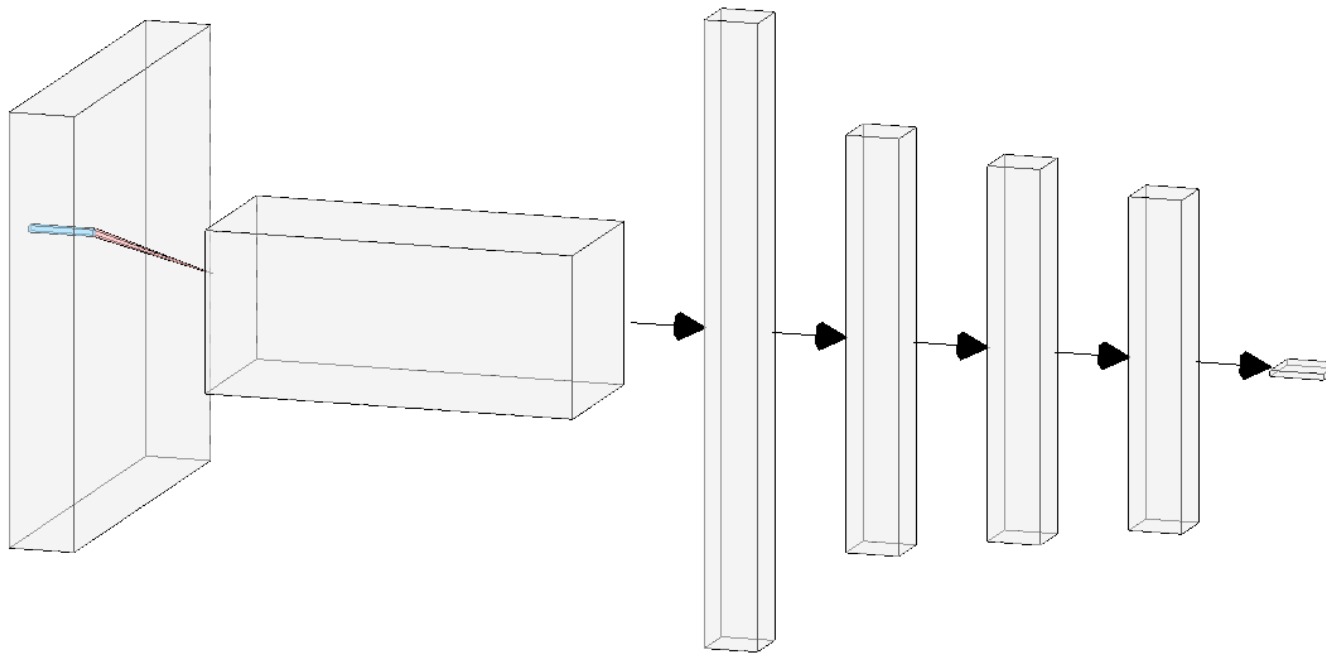
# Applying Transfer Learning



1. VGG16 Block
2. Fully connected block
  - 3 dense layers of decreasing size
  - 2 dropout layers
3. Output layer
  - Sigmoid activation



# Applying Transfer Learning



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## Takeaways

Current model is NOT a valid diagnostic tool

ML shows promise in interpreting COVID image data

Incorporate better preprocessing, more diverse data

# Thank you!



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# Appendix

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d_17 (Conv2D)	(None, 256, 256, 16)	448
dropout_16 (Dropout)	(None, 256, 256, 16)	0
conv2d_18 (Conv2D)	(None, 256, 256, 16)	2320
dropout_17 (Dropout)	(None, 256, 256, 16)	0
max_pooling2d_6 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 128, 128, 16)	0
conv2d_19 (Conv2D)	(None, 128, 128, 32)	4640
dropout_18 (Dropout)	(None, 128, 128, 32)	0
conv2d_20 (Conv2D)	(None, 128, 128, 32)	9248
dropout_19 (Dropout)	(None, 128, 128, 32)	0
max_pooling2d_7 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 64, 64, 32)	0
conv2d_21 (Conv2D)	(None, 64, 64, 64)	18496
dropout_20 (Dropout)	(None, 64, 64, 64)	0
conv2d_22 (Conv2D)	(None, 64, 64, 64)	36928
dropout_21 (Dropout)	(None, 64, 64, 64)	0
global_average_pooling2d_3 (GlobalAveragePooling2D)	(None, 64)	0
flatten_3 (Flatten)	(None, 64)	0
dense_7 (Dense)	(None, 20)	1300
dense_8 (Dense)	(None, 20)	420
dense_9 (Dense)	(None, 1)	21

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Total params: 73,821  
Trainable params: 73,821  
Non-trainable params: 0

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
vgg16 (Functional)	(None, 8, 8, 512)	14714688
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 32768)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 1000)	32769000
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 1000)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 500)	500500
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 500)	0
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 250)	125250
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 1)	251

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Total params: 48,109,689  
Trainable params: 33,395,001  
Non-trainable params: 14,714,688

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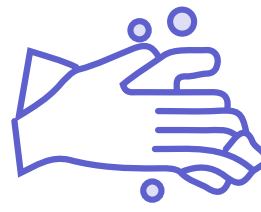
## Take-aways



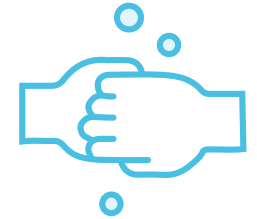
60+% Alcohol



Palm to palm



Fingers  
interlaced



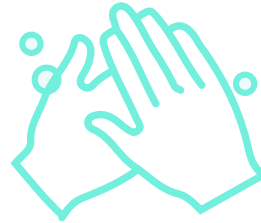
Finger nails



Wrists



Thumbs



Rub until dry



Disinfected  
hands