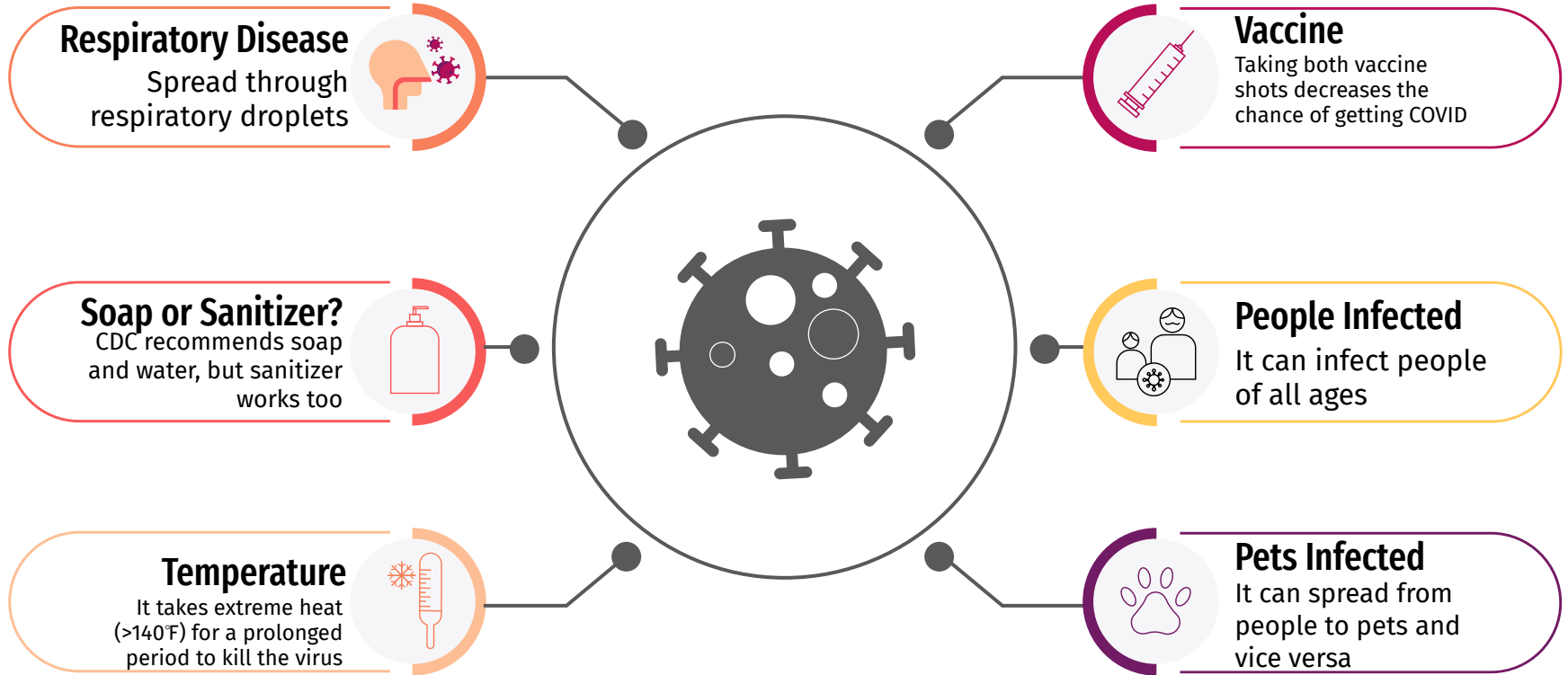


# COVID-19 Indicators Tracker

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# What is COVID-19?



# Data Source



## Global Survey

University of Maryland COVID-19 Symptoms & Attitude Survey:  
<https://covidmap.umd.edu/methodology.html>



## Insights From Survey

What indicators lead to an increased instance of COVID  
like illness in the population?



## Our Goals

1

Understand factors that relate to the spread of COVID-19.

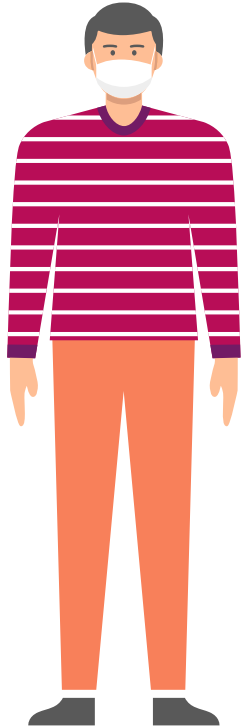


2

Offer suggestion to lawmakers and health officials by using insights from the survey findings.



# Summary of Methods



## Data Gathering

PYTHON  
API  
JSON  
CSV/EXCEL

1

## Mapping

Tableau

2

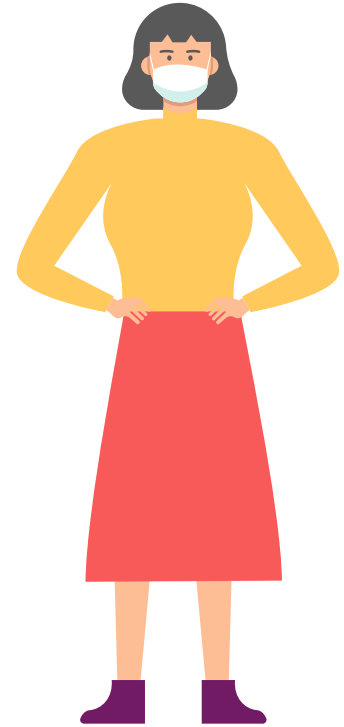
## Statistical Testing

F tests, Linear  
Regression,  
Correlation  
Matrix, Heat  
Map

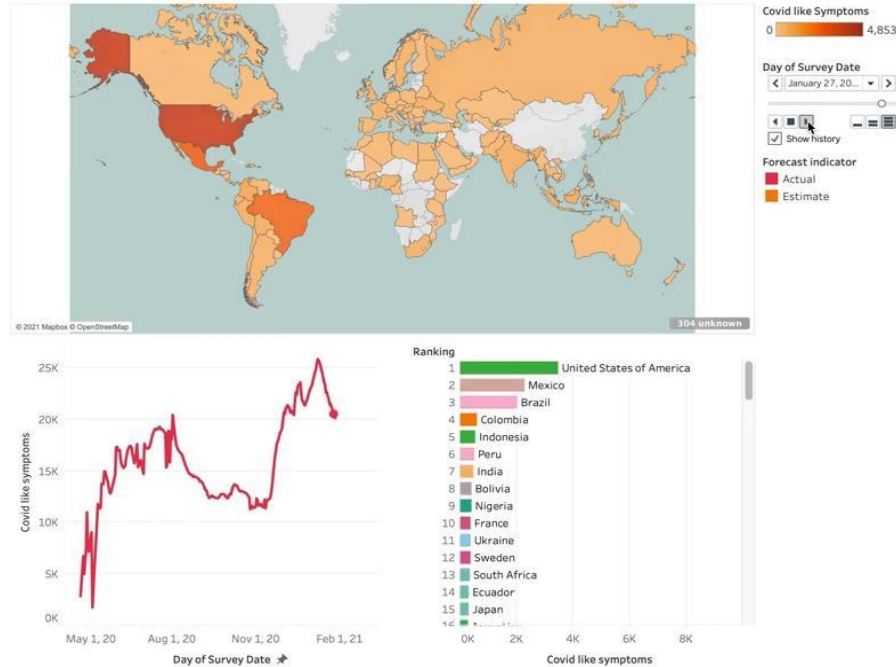
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6 FEET APART



# Tableau-COVID like symptoms throughout survey dates

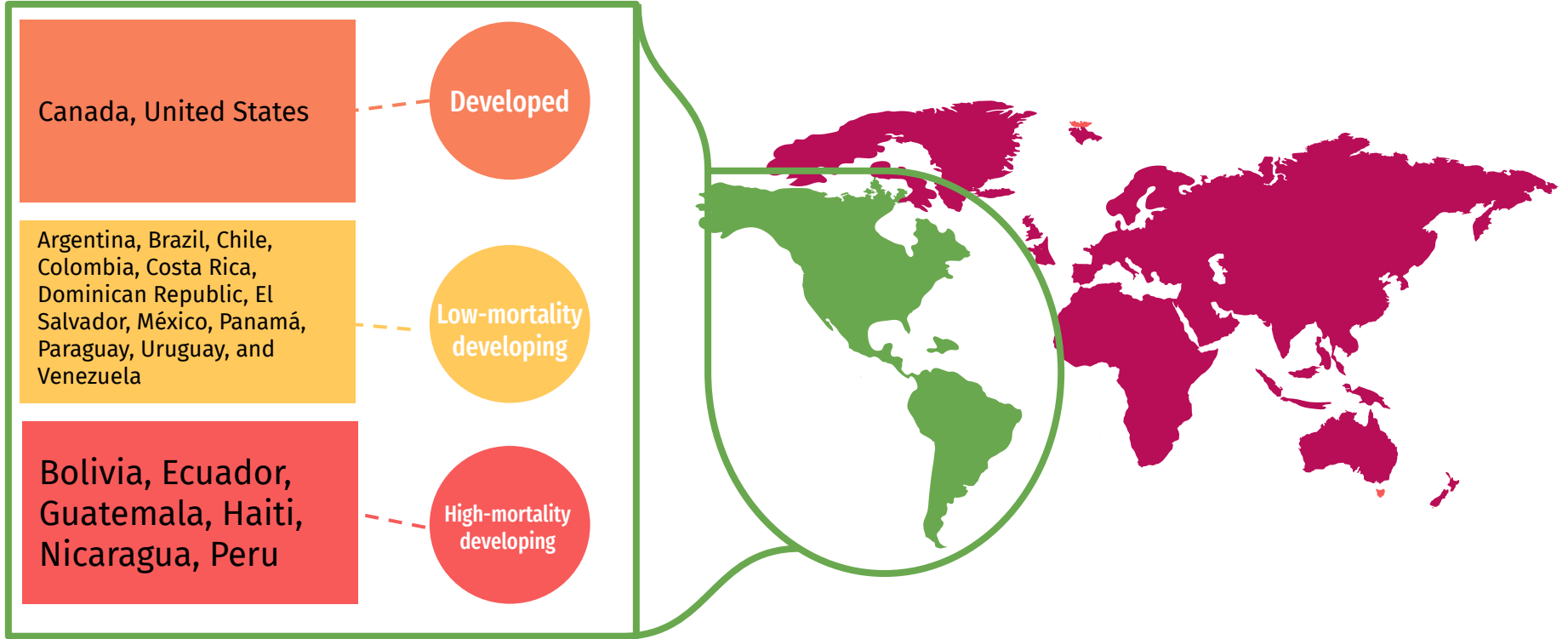


Animations World cli map Graph by countries Ranking Time series Interactive map Animations\_both

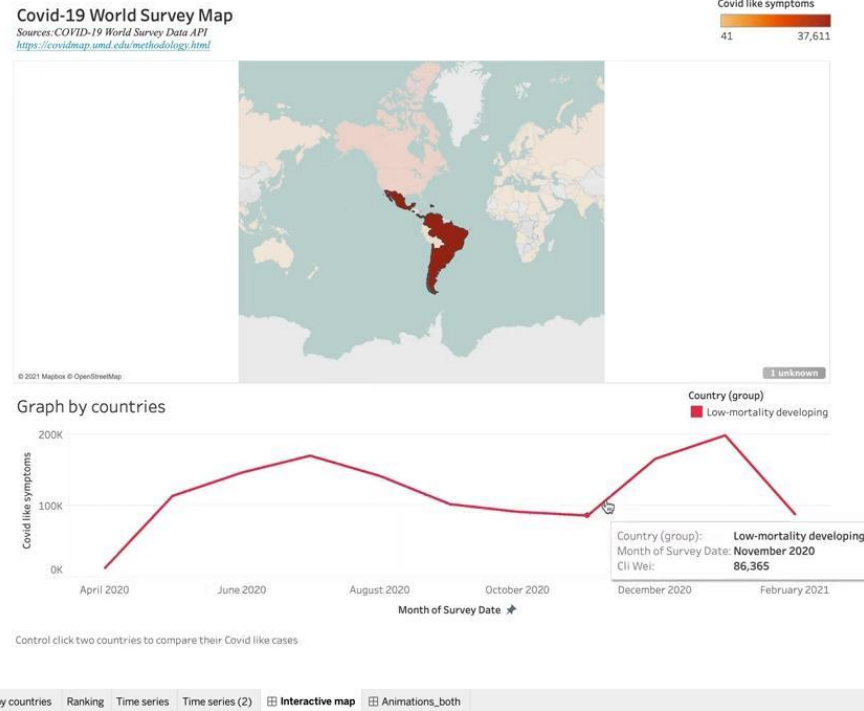
Sources: COVID-19 World Survey Data API  
<https://covidmap.umd.edu/methodology.html>

# World Health Organization

North and South America Members Chosen For Higher Rates of COVID-Like Symptoms



# Tableau-Interactive Map





# Research Questions

01

Does the spread of the virus vary between developed and developing regions?



02

What factors have significant correlation with the spread of the virus in these regions?



03

What are explanations for these factors and how will this lead us to solutions?



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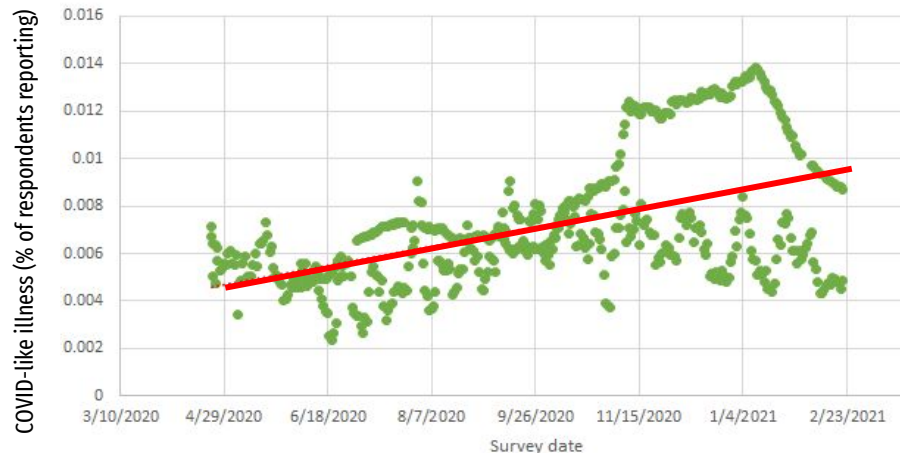
## **Null Hypothesis**

The spread of the virus does not vary between developed and developing nations

## **Alternative Hypothesis**

There is variance of the spread on covid like symptoms in developed and developing nations

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Survey date

COVID-like illness in **Developed Countries**

$$y = 2 \times 10^{-5}x - 0.7077$$



Survey date

COVID-like illness in **Developing Countries**

$$y = 4 \times 10^{-5}x - 1.905$$

# F-Test

F-Test Two-Sample for Variances		
	<i>Developing</i>	<i>Developed</i>
Mean	0.025106017	0.007171227
Variance	0.000160095	6.82157E-06
Observations	4266	558
df	4265	557
F	23.46895816	
P(F<=f) one-tail	2.546E-261	
F Critical one-tail	1.113297871	

- A variety in the spread of CLI
- $F > F$  critical tail
- Can reject the null hypothesis

The prevalence of COVID-19 like symptoms differs between developed and developing countries in the Americas.

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\*Indicators chosen from the API\*



### **COVID (cli)**

% of survey respondents that have reported COVID-like illness.(fever, along with cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.)



### **Finance (hf)**

Survey respondents who are worried about themselves and their household finances.



### **Wash\_hands\_24h\_3-6**

Survey respondents who washed their hands 3-6 times in the last 24 hours.



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### Trust\_who

Respondents more likely to get vaccinated if recommended by the WHO.



### Trust\_govt

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### Concerned\_sideeffects

Respondents being very or moderately concerned about COVID-19 vaccine side effects.

### Hesitant\_sideeffects

Respondents concerned about COVID-19 vaccine side effects, (would NOT choose to get vaccinated).



### Will Take Vaccine

Respondents who will take the vaccine when they are able to.



### Vaccine

Respondents that took the vaccine.





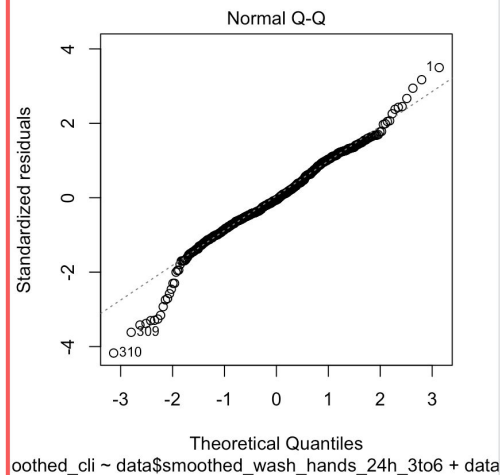
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### Selected Indicators

Dependent variable:	
smoothed_cli	
smoothed_wash_hands_24h_3to6	0.01 (0.01)
smoothed_hf Having Trouble With Finances	-0.01*** (0.001)
smoothed_mc Wore Mask	0.01*** (0.001)
smoothed_trust_who	-0.001 (0.002)
smoothed_trust_govt Trusts Government Guidance	-0.01*** (0.002)
smoothed_access_wash	-0.1 (0.1)
smoothed_wash_hands_24h_7ormore Wash hands 7 or more time a day	-0.02*** (0.01)
smoothed_sideeffects	0.000 (0.001)
smoothed_dc Direct contact with people	0.01*** (0.001)
smoothed_modified_acceptance	-0.001 (0.001)



Observations	583
R2	0.9
Adjusted R2	0.9
Residual Std. Error	0.001 (df = 562)
F Statistic	218.1*** (df = 20; 562)

Note: \*p<0.1; \*\*p<0.05; \*\*\*p<0.01

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smoothed_cli	1
smoothed_mc	0.330274279
smoothed_dc	0.681495671
smoothed_hf	0.506153439
smoothed_covid_vaccine	-0.39837421
smoothed_trust_who	-0.33168915
smoothed_trust_govt	-0.26891097
smoothed_sideeffects	0.427342531
smoothed_hesitant_sideeffects	0.455425442
smoothed_modified_acceptance	-0.29842439
smoothed_access_wash	-0.21993046
smoothed_wash_hands_24h_3to6	0.727616185
smoothed_wash_hands_24h_7ormore	-0.78869761

Correlation Matrix - **Developed Countries**



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Missing Data

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smoothed_trust_govt	-0.438463216
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**Correlation Matrix - Developing Countries**

**Q3: What are explanations for these factors and how will this lead us to solutions?**

# One month forecast for COVID- like Symptoms worldwide

Time series - March 20, 2021



The plot of sum of Cli Wei (actual & forecast) for Survey Date Day. Color shows details about Forecast indicator.





# Government Policies

1

Emergency Relief Fund

2

Distribution of Masks

3

Promoting handwashing behaviors

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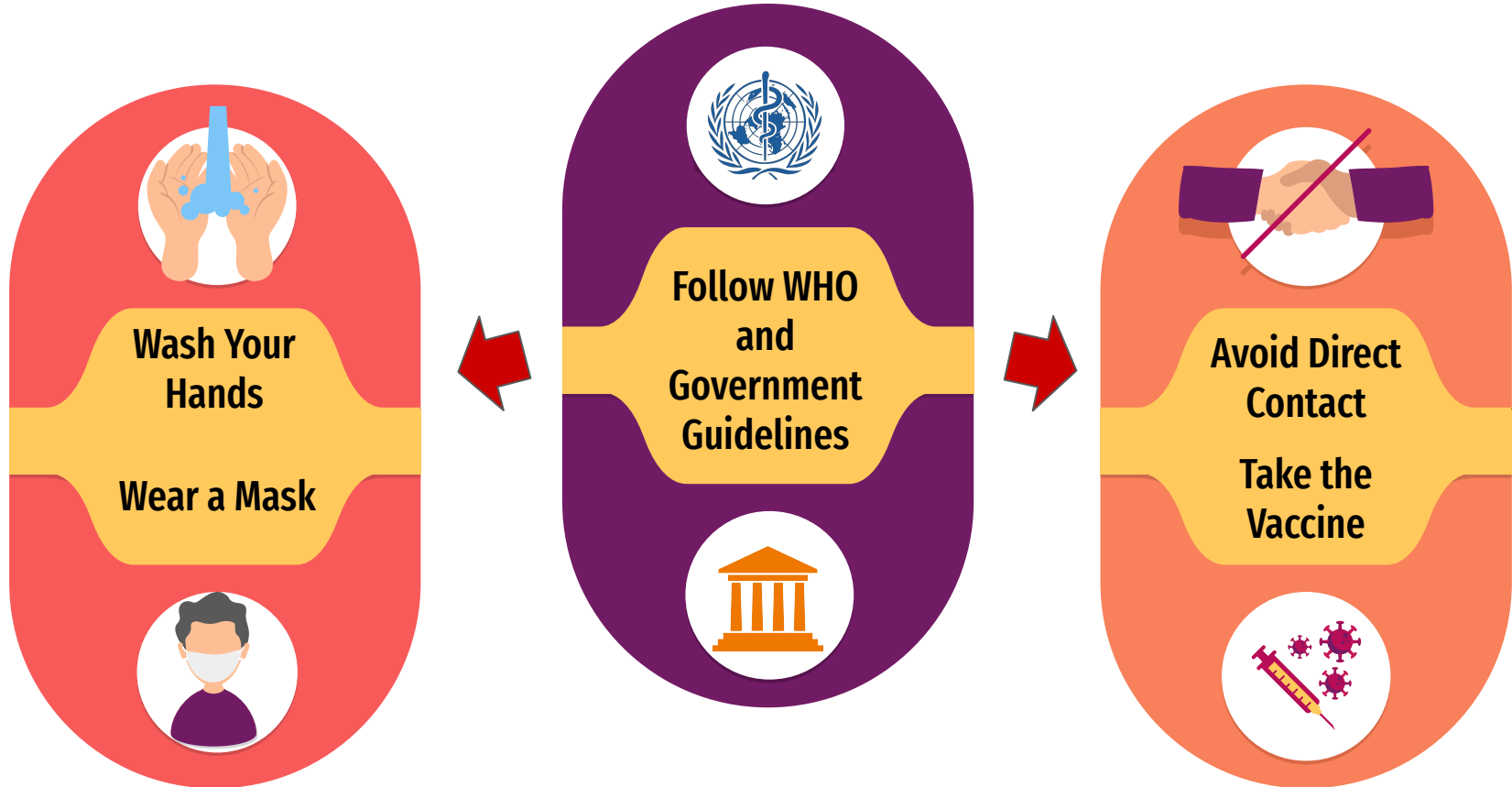
Transparent communication with citizens

5

Limit misinformation regarding vaccine side-effects



# Population Recommended Actions

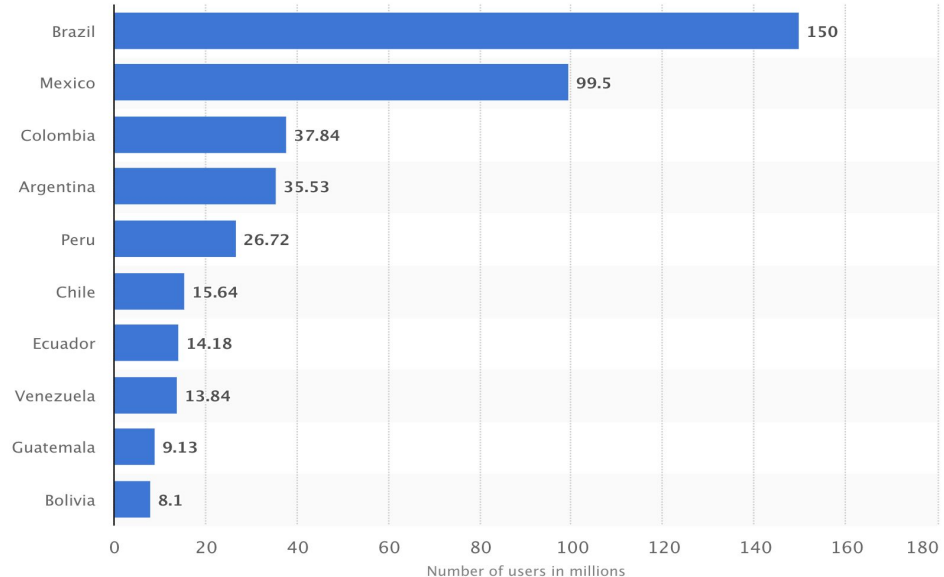


# Recommendation For Future Study

The sampling frame is the Facebook Active User Base (FAUB) :

Change survey  
response method

Countries with the most Facebook users in Latin America as of January 2021



Source: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/979053/countries-with-most-facebook-users-latin-america/>

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