

Visualizing Coronavirus in the Language of Emojis

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Purpose of Project

- Infographic
- Simplify complex data
- Make data more friendly
- Attract younger audience's attention
- Exercise programming skills



Why Emojis? 🤔

“More natural in design, emojis have attracted scientific attention as they are able to transmit emotion, attitude and attention when added to text.”

- Expression
- Improves attention
- Increased understanding/context

Lotfinejad, N., Assadi, R., Aelami, M.H. *et al.* Emojis in public health and how they might be used for hand hygiene and infection prevention and control. *Antimicrob Resist Infect Control* 9, 27 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13756-020-0692-2>

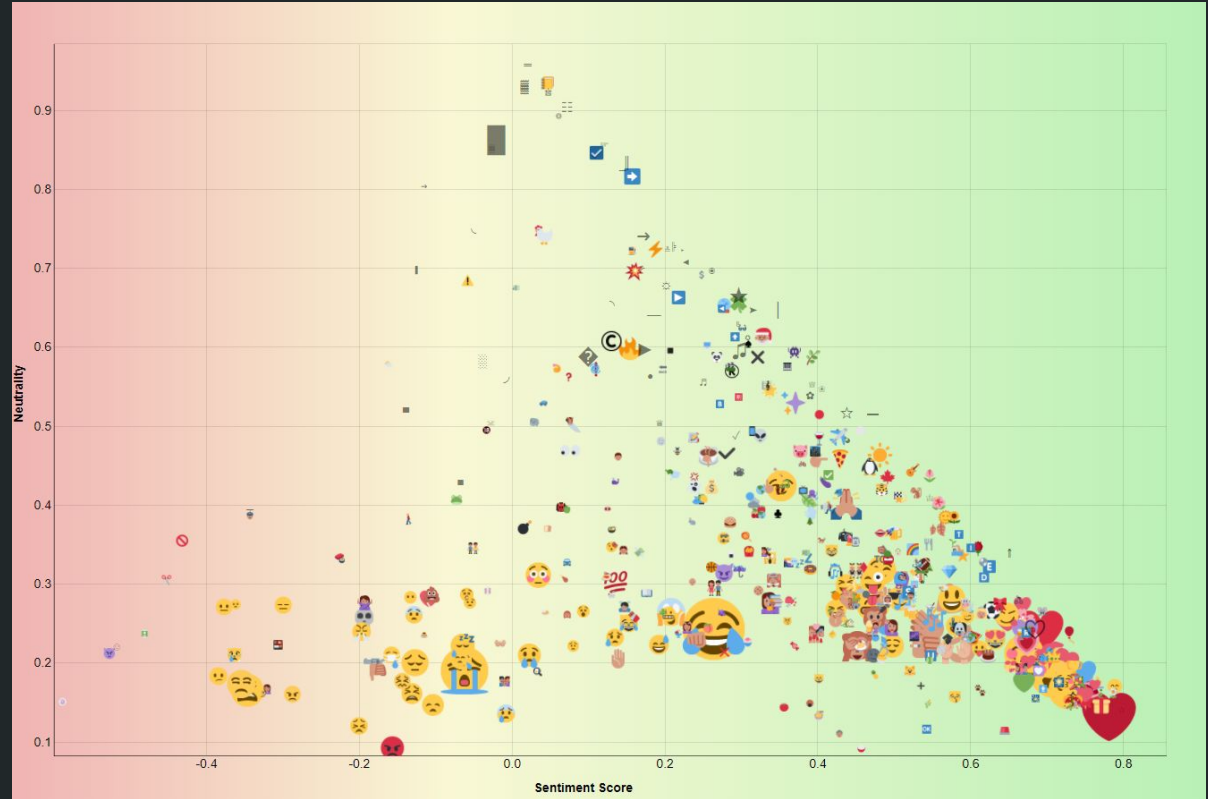
Development Process

Area of Study: Emoji Selection

“Sentiment Ranking”

derived from large

amount of Twitter tweets



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Selected Emojis

- Covid-related
- Distinguishable sentiment rankings


 Face With Medical Mask	 Microbe	 Loudly Crying Face	 Face with Rolling Eyes
 Face Screaming in Fear	 Warning	 Face With Thermometer	 Sneezing Face
 Thinking Face	 Smiling Face with Smiling Eyes	 Smirking Face	 Party Popper
 Smiling Face with Sunglasses	 Pensive Face		

Twemoji: Open Source Twitter Emojis



Mechanical Messages

For example,

“The **rate of vaccination** is **increasing** in **Cuyahoga County** from the previous month” 

- Highlighted phrases are variables

Website Development 🐍

- Python for ease of use
 - Previous experience
- Django
 - Full-stack Web Framework
 - Quick Development
- HTML
 - Page Structure/Format
- CSS
 - Styling and Page Design



django

Data Processing

- Retrieved as .csv file
 - Common Format (excel file)
 - Comma-separated
- Following libraries used to aid processing:




Area of Study: Data Sources 1 2 3 4

- Factors that come into effect:
 - How often updated
 - Size of Data
 - Types of information included
- 10 different data sources considered



Program Concept

Updates once every week 



- Vaccine Data
- County COVID Data

Application Retrieves Data

- `getVaccineData()`
- `getAgeGroupData()`
- `getCountyMessages()`

Data is Processed

`getLargestPercentChange()`

HTML File
Upon Request

Messages and Graphs
Generated

Finished Web Model

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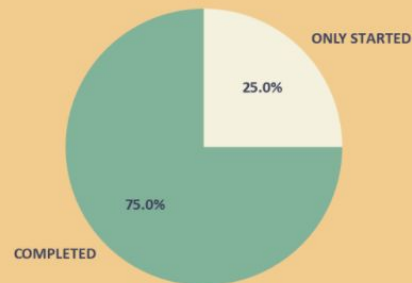
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This report intends to provide information about the condition of COVID-19 to the general public.
The report makes use of emojis to add depth to the meaning of the statistics. The key below defines the severity of which each emoji is meant to represent.

SEVERITY KEY



THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO HAVE STARTED
VACCINATION HAVE COMPLETED IT 😊



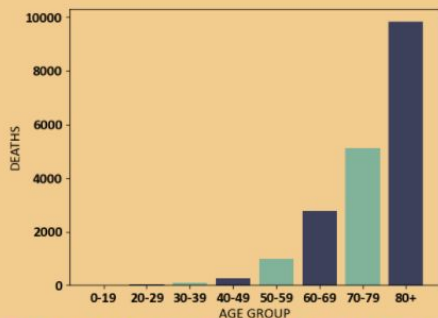
THERE HAS BEEN THE MOST DEATHS IN THE 80+ AGE
GROUP 😓



REMEMBER

COVID-19 spreads through respiratory droplets from coughing, sneezing, or talking. Wearing a mask will reduce the chance of an infected person spreading.

THERE HAS BEEN THE MOST DEATHS IN THE 80+ AGE GROUP 🤔



THERE HAS BEEN A **INCREASE** IN DEATHS BETWEEN AGES 30-39 🤔

COUNTIES TO WATCH OUT FOR...

LOGAN'S RATE OF CONFIRMED CASES HAVE SEEN A **LARGE INCREASE OF 82%** 🤔

VAN WERT'S RATE OF DEATH HAS SEEN A **LARGE INCREASE OF 266%** 🤔

REMEMBER

COVID-19 spreads through respiratory droplets from coughing, sneezing, or talking. Wearing a mask will reduce the chance of an infected person spreading droplets to other people. DO YOUR PART. 🤔

**FOR COVID-19 QUESTIONS,
CALL 1-833-427-5634**



ON THE BRIGHT SIDE...

ATHENS'S RATE OF CONFIRMED CASES HAVE SEEN A **LARGE DECREASE OF 82%** 🎉

CARROLL'S RATE OF DEATH HAS SEEN A **LARGE DECREASE OF 650%** 🎉

Concluding Thoughts 🧠

- Developed new skills in web development
- Learned proper project planning
- Introduced concept of using emojis to explain data

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