

Delphi method

The Delphi method is a forecasting process framework based on the results of multiple rounds of **questionnaires** sent to a panel of **experts**. Several rounds of **questionnaires** are sent out to the group of **experts**, and the anonymous responses are aggregated and shared with the group after each round.

Despite notable scientific and medical advances, broader political, socioeconomic, and behavioral factors continue to undercut the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lazarus et al. convened, as part of this Delphi study, a diverse, multidisciplinary panel of 386 academic, health, non-governmental organizations, **government**, and other experts in COVID-19 response from 112 countries and territories to recommend specific actions to end this persistent global threat to public health. The panel developed a set of 41 consensus statements and 57 recommendations to governments, health systems, industry, and other key stakeholders across six domains: communication; health systems; vaccination; prevention; treatment and care; and inequities. In the wake of nearly three years of fragmented global and national responses, it is instructive to note that three of the highest-ranked recommendations call for the adoption of whole-of-society and whole-of-government approaches while maintaining proven prevention measures using a vaccines-plus approach² that employs a range of public health and financial support measures to complement vaccination. Other recommendations with at least 99% combined agreement advise governments and other stakeholders to improve communication, rebuild public trust and engage communities³ in the management of pandemic responses. The findings of the study, which have been further endorsed by 184 organizations globally, include points of unanimous agreement, as well as six recommendations with >5% disagreement, that provide health and social policy actions to address inadequacies in the pandemic response and help to bring this public health threat to an end.¹.

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