Facebook's response to the Oversight Board's First decisions

On May 13, 2020, the Facebook Oversight Board published its first set of recommendations to Facebook. The board recommended that Facebook's Community Standards be updated to ensure that certain types of COVID-19 misinformation were deleted. In addition, the board recommended that the platform be more transparent about its enforcement decisions.

CONSIDERATIONS
Facebook's overall strategy for combating misinformation that contributes to the risk of imminent physical harm.

Facebook has a dedicated Human Rights Policy Team that consults on policy development and rule enforcement. The team works closely with experts from around the world with backgrounds in public health, vaccinology, sociology, and other fields to ensure that our policies are effective and evidence-based.

NEXT STEPS
Facebook began implementing the board's recommendations immediately. We will continue to work closely with the Oversight Board to ensure that our policies are as effective as possible in combating misinformation.

We will ask the board to clarify if its recommendation relates to all rule modifications or those related to COVID-19 misinformation. We'll build more comprehensive Instagram Community Guidelines that provide additional detail on the type of false claims that we will remove.

CONSIDERATIONS
Assessing feasibility

We began consistently sharing COVID-19 metrics in the Spring of 2020, and we will continue to do so for as long as the pandemic continues. People may have multiple accounts for different purposes on Instagram, while people on Facebook can have multiple accounts linked to their personal one.

Our policies are applied uniformly across Facebook and Instagram, with a few exceptions — for example,ReadStream...