



VHAS Wave 2 Data Orientation

Accessing and Using the Data





VIETNAM HEALTH AND AGING STUDY

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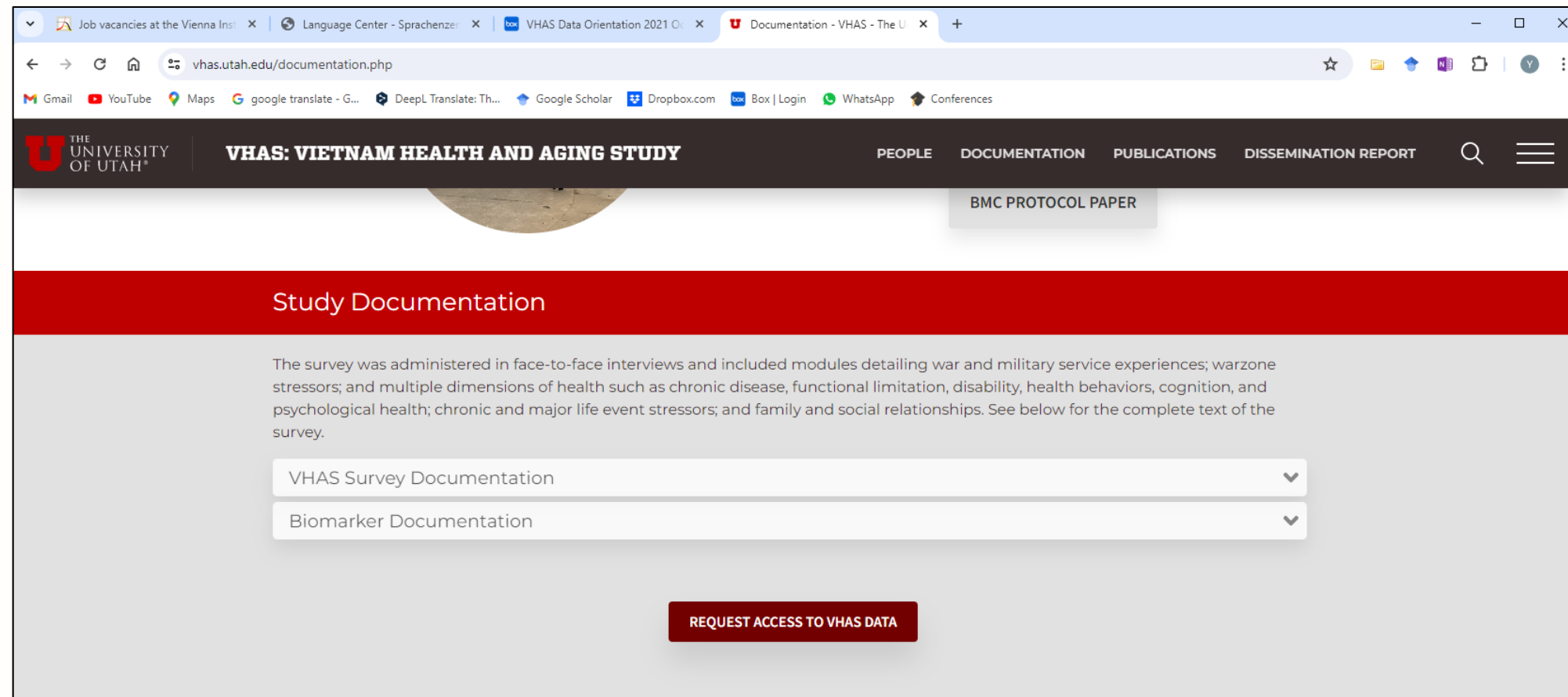
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Specify:

- Tentative title
 - Intended coauthors
 - Proposed variables
 - Project timeline
2. Your proposal will be reviewed by two core PIs.
 3. You will be notified of your proposal's status within 10 working days
 4. Read and sign the Data Use and Co-authorship Agreement.
 5. Receive access to a UBox folder with the data.

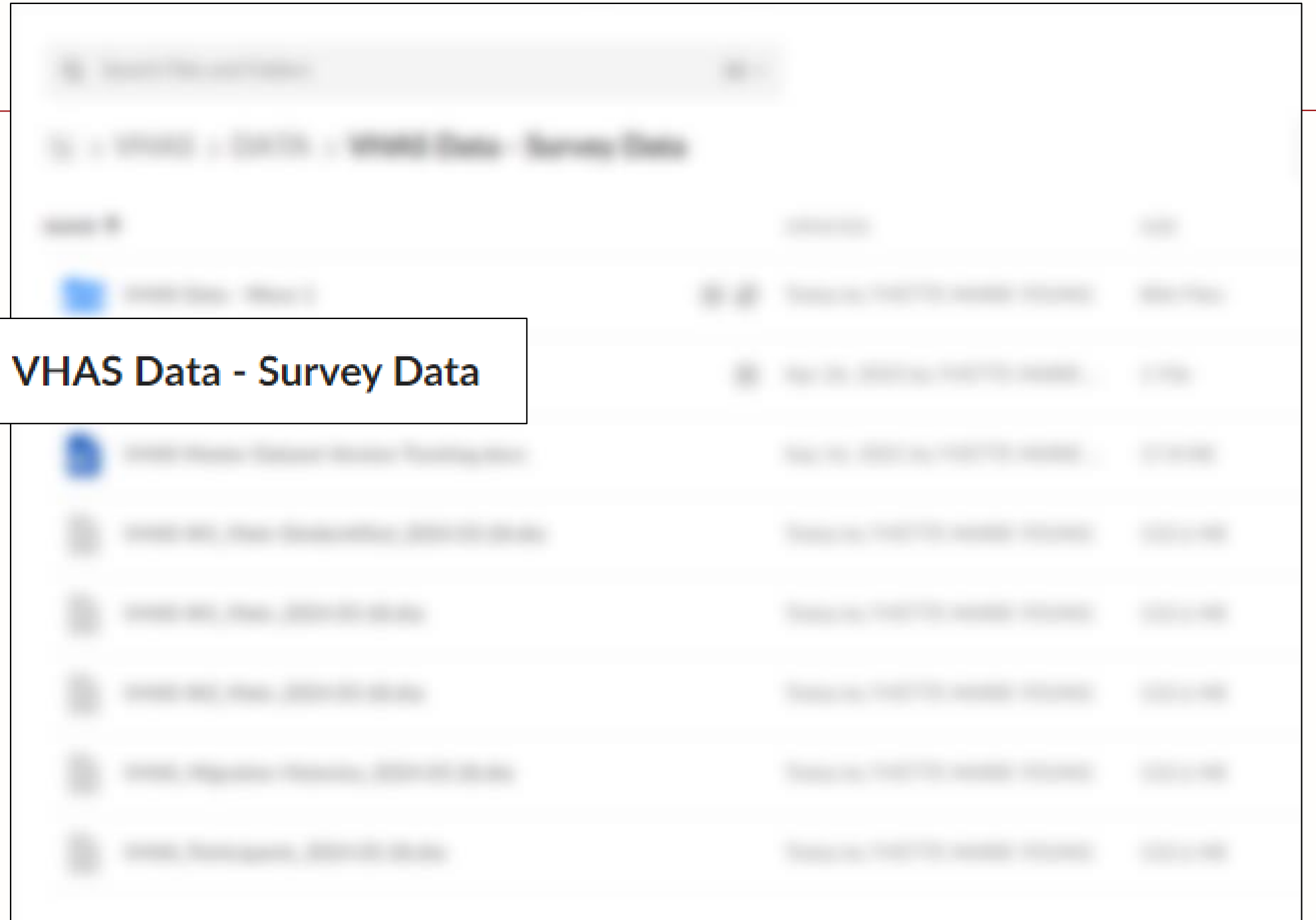
The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Vietnam Health and Aging Study- Data Use Proposal' form. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'vhas.utah.edu/forms/data-use-proposal.php'. The page header includes 'THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH' logo and 'VHAS: VIETNAM HEALTH AND AGING STUDY' with navigation links for 'PEOPLE', 'DOCUMENTATION', 'PUBLICATIONS', and 'DISSEMINATION REPORT'. The form itself is titled 'Vietnam Health and Aging Study- Data Use Proposal' and contains several input fields: 'First/ given name *', 'Last/surname *', 'Email address *', 'Current position *', and 'Final degree received or degree program in progress (name institution & discipline/field of study) *'. Below these fields is a section for 'What is your plan for use of the data (e.g., thesis, grant application, peer review publication)? Please check all that apply, including most immediate and longer-term plans.' with three checkboxes: 'MA thesis', 'Doctoral dissertation', and 'Conference paper/poster presentation'. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system tray.



Accessing the Files

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Folder navigation path: **All Files** > **VHAS** > **DATA** > **VHAS Data - Survey Data**





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Search Files and Folders

> VHAS > DATA > VHAS Data - Survey Data

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Data & Codebook

Questionnaires can be found at <https://vhas.utah.edu/>

1. Wave 1 Questionnaire

- [English](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

2. Wave 2

- Main Questionnaire
- CSID – Dementia Screening
- Next of Kin Questionnaire

3. Codebooks

- Each data file has a codebook (text file) with the same filename



VIETNAM HEALTH AND AGING STUDY – 2021 SURVEY

QUESTIONNAIRE A FOR FOLLOW-UP RESPONDENTS

We are visiting you today to request your participation in the Vietnam Health and Aging Study. If you recall, we visited you in 2018 to ask you about your life experiences, your family, living conditions and health. We are back to study a bit more about your experiences and to ask about your health and living conditions at the present time, nearly three years later. All information collected in this survey will be treated as strictly confidential. The record of your name and address will not be accessible to others and will only be used to contact you in future follow-up surveys. The interview will take approximately 2.5 hours, on average, and some persons find it to be tiring or emotionally difficult. If you need to take a break during the interview or would like to have a family member to assist you in the interview, please let us know. We greatly appreciate your time and effort and are grateful for your participation and cooperation.

INSTRUCTION TO INTERVIEWER: Except for saying that the section can be answered by the proxy, the questionnaire should be completed in FULL by the respondent, not by his/her spouse or other family members. If the respondent needs to rely upon a proxy due to health/cognitive functioning reasons, only ask questions to which the proxy can provide answers; do not ask questions about feelings or subjective matters.

INSTRUCTION TO DATA MANAGER/PROGRAMMER: Certain questions are only for a small number of respondents for whom we have nonsensical or incomplete data in Wave 1. We indicate these portions of the questionnaire with blue font.

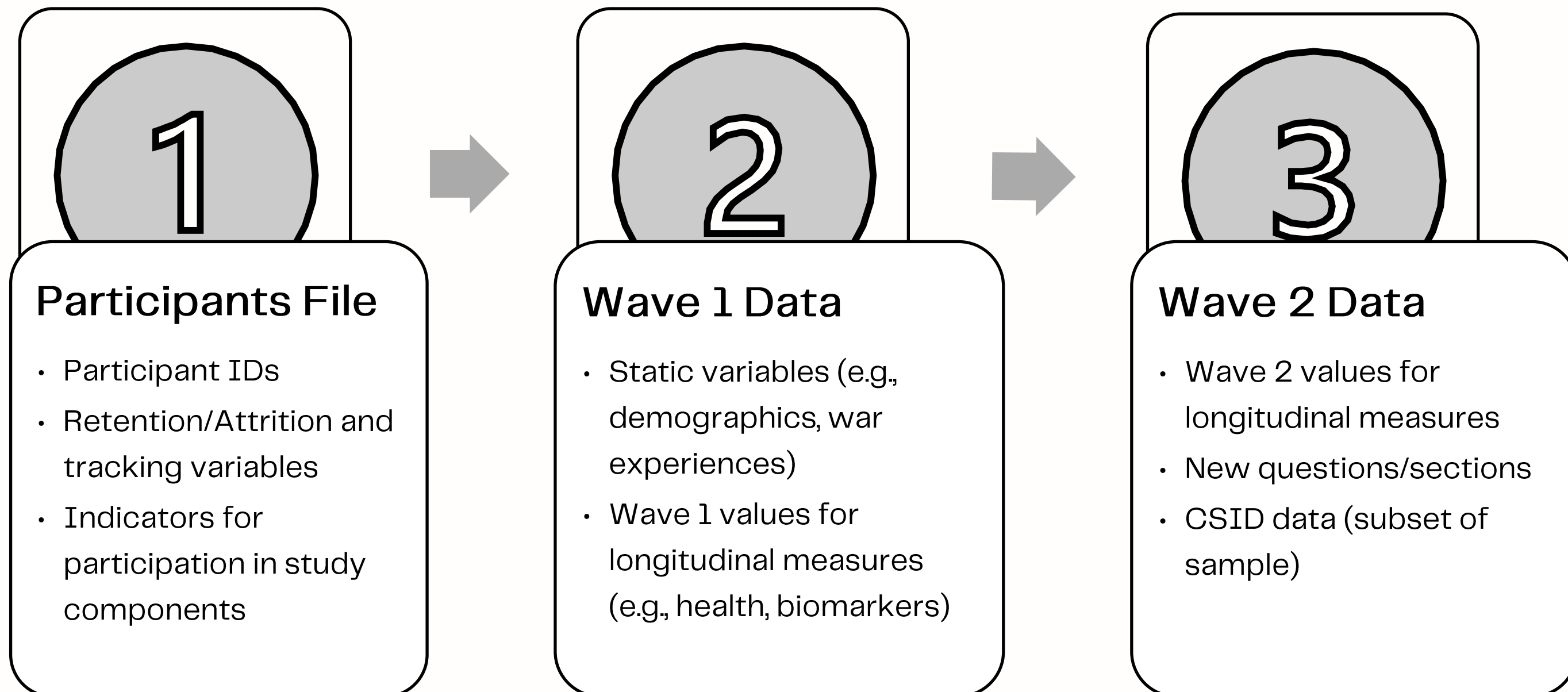
IDENTIFICATION (Update subject Identification information” which is to prepare information of research subject before interviewing.)

Pre-uploaded information of research subjects according to Wave 1.	
ID1. Full name of research subject:	
ID2. Name usually called:	
ID3. Sex of research subject:	1. Male 2. Female
ID4. Year of birth of research subject: <i>DATA MANAGER INSTRUCTION: Only includes for respondents (N=2) missing data in Wave 1.</i>
ID5. The highest level of education completed by the respondent:	Illiterate Reading and Writing Grade 1-12 (specify)



Merging Across Waves

Data files are wide-form (except migration histories)





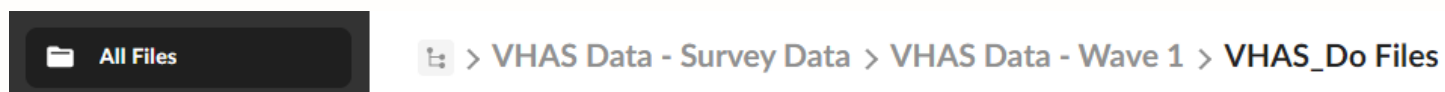
Data Cleaning Process

Data-cleaning is an iterative process:

- New paper → Close scrutiny of data
- Close scrutiny of data → Find new items to clean

[VHAS Master Dataset Version Tracking](#) documents changes to the data and references the .do files where you can find the code.

Code files (Stata .do files) are stored on Box and available for you to reference.



Correct data entry errors

- Review values/distributions and correct errors
 - Example: **Age**
- Duplicate entries (non-identical) for some respondents

Harmonize variables

- Check for consistency across variables
 - Example: **Marital Status**
- Recode “Other, specify_____” responses into categories
 - Example: **Source of cash income**
- Harmonize migration dates and locations at the end of the American War

Constructing new variables

- Re-create commonly used variables from Wave 1
 - Example: **Household size, education, childhood health**
- Construct scales based on established standards, literature, or VHAS published papers
 - Example: **CSI-D, PTSD, Frailty, War exposure index**



Forthcoming Data

Our initial release is ready and we're already gearing up for more. Updates will focus on child roster data, physical activity measures, and additional biomarkers.

Expected rollout: Late Spring and Early Fall.

Child Roster Data

Cleaning and preparation, verification, alignment, and ensuring consistency across waves.

Physical Activity Questions

Translation efforts, customizable categories for future research.

Biomarker Measures

Incorporating blood-based measures, adaptations to frailty measure due to COVID-19 limitations, ensuring comparability between waves.



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Questions?

