

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 11/2/20**

Leveraging over 15 years of support to HHS for medical consequence modeling and our proprietary artificial intelligence (AI) models, IEM believes that our Coronavirus model outputs can be used to assist localities and their medical facilities to better prepare for an increase in hospitalizations, to better plan for and locate drive-through testing facilities, and to determine where increased levels of transmission may be occurring.

We have been refining our AI model over the past month and are confident in its ability to provide accurate 7-day projections that can be used for operational and logistical planning.

AI-based Model Background

IEM is currently using an AI model to fit data from various sources and project new cases of COVID-19. We do not assume the average number of secondary infections (R-value) stays the same over time. IEM's AI model finds the best R-value over time to evaluate how it changes over the course of the outbreak. The IEM modeling team is running ~11 million simulations to fit each state's data and using the best fit for the R-value to project new cases over the next 7 days. The AI models are executed on a daily basis to evaluate the changing dynamics of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our projections have typically been within 10%, and are often within 5%, of actual confirmed cases.

The projections shown in this document are based on data pulled in as of 11/2/20 9 a.m.

Please provide any feedback or send any questions that you might have to us. We are continually updating and improving the model, so your feedback is critical.

Also, if you have more current or refined data for your State, Commonwealth or Territory that you would like IEM to factor in, please let us know.

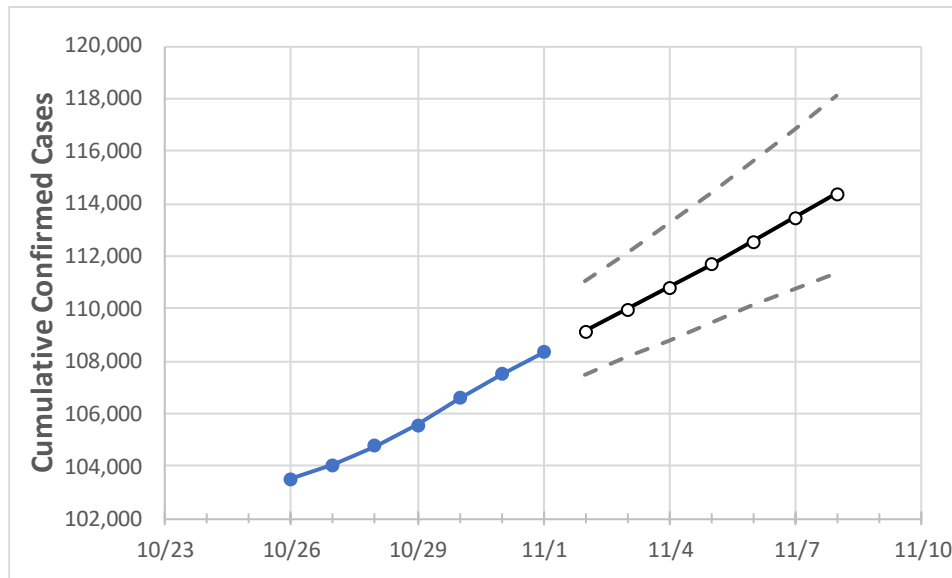
IEM's Modeling Lead

Dr. Prasith "Sid" Baccam is a **Computational Epidemiologist expert** at IEM with more than **20 years of experience in medical consequence modeling and simulation of disease outbreaks** and medical consequences following hypothetical attacks with biological agents or emerging infectious diseases. He develops key simulation models and decision support tools at IEM, specializing in public health, disaster response, and medical countermeasures (MCM) to enhance data-driven decision making and improve modeling assumptions.

Upon receiving his **Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics and Immunobiology** at Iowa State University, Dr. Baccam worked as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Los Alamos National Laboratory where he focused on researching viral and immunological modeling. After his stint at Los Alamos, Dr. Baccam has served as Task Lead in multiple public health projects have allowed him to develop expertise as a mathematical biologist and a leader on high-performance modeling and simulation teams.

He has worked with state and local public health officials as well as Federal agencies, including **HHS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (**CDC**), and the Department of Homeland Security (**DHS**). Dr. Baccam has published numerous papers on public health response models and implications on policy and has been invited to participate in workshops and symposiums held by the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Health). His modeling results have been briefed to the **Executive Office of the President** and informed two presidential policy actions.

Washington State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	
Washington	105,557	106,573	107,501	108,315	109,128	109,959	110,807	111,672	112,556	113,458	114,379	

Note: The State's projection shows a "best estimate" curve (the solid line with circles) and the dotted lines are the upper and lower estimates around that best estimate. Our projections have typically been within 20%, and are often within 10%, of actual confirmed cases.

Washington Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	
Benton	5,275	5,292	5,342	5,385	5,413	5,442	5,471	5,501	5,532	5,563	5,595	
Clark	4,417	4,473	4,514	4,566	4,607	4,648	4,690	4,733	4,777	4,821	4,867	
Grant	3,350	3,363	3,376	3,382	3,387	3,392	3,396	3,401	3,405	3,409	3,413	
Island	384	393	399	404	406	408	410	412	415	417	419	
King	27,021	27,353	27,735	27,951	28,186	28,428	28,677	28,935	29,200	29,473	29,755	
Kitsap	1,527	1,547	1,554	1,575	1,588	1,602	1,616	1,630	1,645	1,661	1,677	
Pierce	10,228	10,331	10,431	10,514	10,614	10,717	10,821	10,929	11,038	11,151	11,265	
Skagit	1,256	1,261	1,265	1,287	1,292	1,297	1,302	1,307	1,313	1,318	1,324	
Snohomish	8,787	8,881	8,960	9,024	9,097	9,171	9,246	9,322	9,399	9,477	9,555	
Spokane	9,507	9,660	9,729	9,882	9,980	10,079	10,179	10,281	10,384	10,488	10,594	
Thurston	1,630	1,656	1,676	1,694	1,714	1,734	1,754	1,775	1,796	1,818	1,841	
Whatcom	1,588	1,596	1,610	1,615	1,620	1,625	1,630	1,635	1,640	1,645	1,650	
Yakima	11,900	11,931	11,981	12,003	12,023	12,044	12,065	12,087	12,109	12,131	12,155	

Some recipients of our daily COVID-19 short-term (7 day) projections have requested projections of demand for: hospital bed, intensive care unit (ICU) beds, and mechanical ventilation. We realize that different states and localities will have different characteristics for hospital demand of COVID-19 cases, and we are presenting the best assumptions we could find for those medical demands based on scientific literature and health data reporting. Specifically:

- **Beds:** For hospitalization, we use a range of 10% and 20% of cases require hospitalization based on CDC's report ([MMWR, March 18, 2020](#)) and state reports of COVID-19 cases.
- **ICU:** The CDC report found that 24% of hospitalized cases require ICU care.
- **Ventilators:** Based on clinical data from China and state reports, we assume that 50% of ICU cases require a ventilator.

If you have other estimates for these assumptions, please share them with us as we work to refine our modeling, assumptions, and data on a daily basis.

The medical demands shown in the table assume 20% of **cumulative** confirmed cases require hospitalization. To get the medical demand for the assumption that 10% of confirmed cases require hospitalization, simply divide the demand by 2.

Washington Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/3				11/5				11/7			
Benton	5,275	5,292	5,342	5,385	5,442	(1,088)	[261]	{131}	5,501	(1,100)	[264]	{132}	5,563	(1,113)	[267]	{134}
Clark	4,417	4,473	4,514	4,566	4,648	(930)	[223]	{112}	4,733	(947)	[227]	{114}	4,821	(964)	[231]	{116}
Grant	3,350	3,363	3,376	3,382	3,392	(678)	[163]	{81}	3,401	(680)	[163]	{82}	3,409	(682)	[164]	{82}
Island	384	393	399	404	408	(82)	[20]	{10}	412	(82)	[20]	{10}	417	(83)	[20]	{10}
King	27,021	27,353	27,735	27,951	28,428	(5,686)	[1,365]	{682}	28,935	(5,787)	[1,389]	{694}	29,473	(5,895)	[1,415]	{707}
Kitsap	1,527	1,547	1,554	1,575	1,602	(320)	[77]	{38}	1,630	(326)	[78]	{39}	1,661	(332)	[80]	{40}
Pierce	10,228	10,331	10,431	10,514	10,717	(2,143)	[514]	{257}	10,929	(2,186)	[525]	{262}	11,151	(2,230)	[535]	{268}
Skagit	1,256	1,261	1,265	1,287	1,297	(259)	[62]	{31}	1,307	(261)	[63]	{31}	1,318	(264)	[63]	{32}
Snohomish	8,787	8,881	8,960	9,024	9,171	(1,834)	[440]	{220}	9,322	(1,864)	[447]	{224}	9,477	(1,895)	[455]	{227}
Spokane	9,507	9,660	9,729	9,882	10,079	(2,016)	[484]	{242}	10,281	(2,056)	[493]	{247}	10,488	(2,098)	[503]	{252}
Thurston	1,630	1,656	1,676	1,694	1,734	(347)	[83]	{42}	1,775	(355)	[85]	{43}	1,818	(364)	[87]	{44}
Whatcom	1,588	1,596	1,610	1,615	1,625	(325)	[78]	{39}	1,635	(327)	[78]	{39}	1,645	(329)	[79]	{39}
Yakima	11,900	11,931	11,981	12,003	12,044	(2,409)	[578]	{289}	12,087	(2,417)	[580]	{290}	12,131	(2,426)	[582]	{291}

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