IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections
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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 <u>not</u> 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 11/3/20 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.

Pennsylvania State Projections
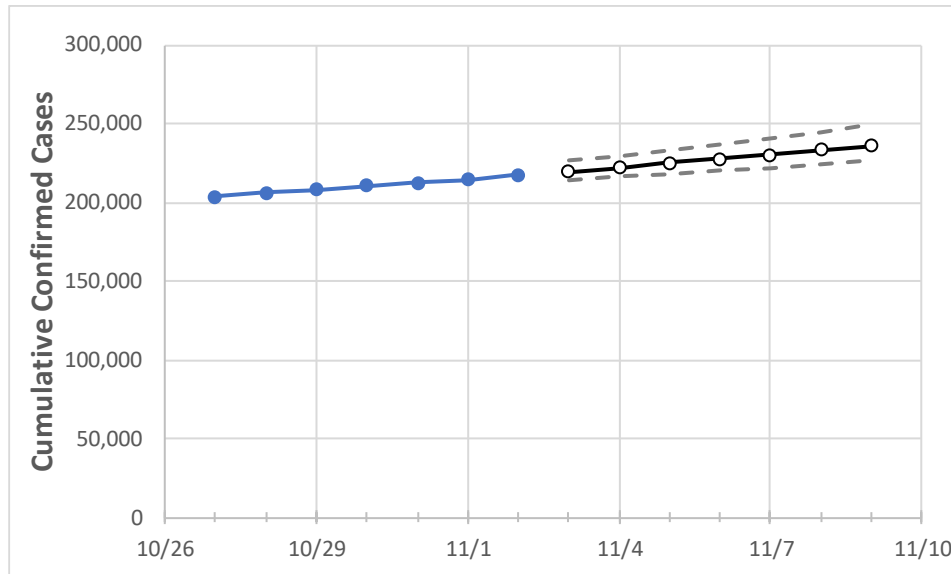
	Actual Confirmed Cases On:			Projected Cases For:						
	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9
Pennsylvania	210,586	212,791	214,416	217,243	219,708	222,246	224,862	227,556	230,331	233,189	236,134

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.

Pennsylvania Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9
Allegheny	15,622	15,796	15,940	16,060	16,209	16,361	16,516	16,674	16,835	17,000	17,168
Berks	9,481	9,562	9,648	9,735	9,842	9,951	10,063	10,175	10,290	10,407	10,526
Bucks	10,337	10,445	10,513	10,585	10,669	10,756	10,846	10,940	11,038	11,139	11,245
Butler	1,794	1,840	1,892	1,961	2,006	2,052	2,101	2,153	2,207	2,263	2,323
Chester	8,198	8,252	8,307	8,361	8,418	8,476	8,535	8,596	8,659	8,722	8,788
Delaware	13,754	13,888	14,001	14,081	14,212	14,348	14,490	14,638	14,792	14,952	15,120
Lackawanna	3,817	3,846	3,875	3,901	3,937	3,972	4,007	4,041	4,075	4,109	4,143
Lancaster	9,764	9,877	9,929	10,033	10,128	10,227	10,330	10,437	10,548	10,663	10,782
Lehigh	6,698	6,811	6,863	6,944	7,027	7,115	7,209	7,310	7,417	7,531	7,653
Luzerne	5,467	5,545	5,624	5,674	5,753	5,834	5,917	6,003	6,092	6,184	6,278
Monroe	2,042	2,069	2,081	2,092	2,104	2,118	2,131	2,145	2,160	2,176	2,192
Montgomery	14,157	14,301	14,421	14,498	14,635	14,779	14,933	15,095	15,267	15,449	15,642
Northampton	5,481	5,568	5,619	5,655	5,710	5,767	5,827	5,890	5,955	6,023	6,095
Philadelphia	44,505	44,820	45,136	45,451	45,859	46,280	46,713	47,160	47,621	48,096	48,585
Westmoreland	4,402	4,472	4,538	4,601	4,670	4,739	4,808	4,876	4,943	5,010	5,077
York	6,630	6,716	6,742	6,798	6,864	6,931	6,999	7,067	7,136	7,206	7,276

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.*

Pennsylvania Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:		
	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/4	11/6	11/8
Allegheny	15,622	15,796	15,940	16,060	16,361 (3,272) [785] {393}	16,674 (3,335) [800] {400}	17,000 (3,400) [816] {408}
Berks	9,481	9,562	9,648	9,735	9,951 (1,990) [478] {239}	10,175 (2,035) [488] {244}	10,407 (2,081) [500] {250}
Bucks	10,337	10,445	10,513	10,585	10,756 (2,151) [516] {258}	10,940 (2,188) [525] {263}	11,139 (2,228) [535] {267}
Butler	1,794	1,840	1,892	1,961	2,052 (410) [99] {49}	2,153 (431) [103] {52}	2,263 (453) [109] {54}
Chester	8,198	8,252	8,307	8,361	8,476 (1,695) [407] {203}	8,596 (1,719) [413] {206}	8,722 (1,744) [419] {209}
Delaware	13,754	13,888	14,001	14,081	14,348 (2,870) [689] {344}	14,638 (2,928) [703] {351}	14,952 (2,990) [718] {359}
Lackawanna	3,817	3,846	3,875	3,901	3,972 (794) [191] {95}	4,041 (808) [194] {97}	4,109 (822) [197] {99}
Lancaster	9,764	9,877	9,929	10,033	10,227 (2,045) [491] {245}	10,437 (2,087) [501] {250}	10,663 (2,133) [512] {256}
Lehigh	6,698	6,811	6,863	6,944	7,115 (1,423) [342] {171}	7,310 (1,462) [351] {175}	7,531 (1,506) [361] {181}
Luzerne	5,467	5,545	5,624	5,674	5,834 (1,167) [280] {140}	6,003 (1,201) [288] {144}	6,184 (1,237) [297] {148}
Monroe	2,042	2,069	2,081	2,092	2,118 (424) [102] {51}	2,145 (429) [103] {51}	2,176 (435) [104] {52}
Montgomery	14,157	14,301	14,421	14,498	14,779 (2,956) [709] {355}	15,095 (3,019) [725] {362}	15,449 (3,090) [742] {371}
Northampton	5,481	5,568	5,619	5,655	5,767 (1,153) [277] {138}	5,890 (1,178) [283] {141}	6,023 (1,205) [289] {145}
Philadelphia	44,505	44,820	45,136	45,451	46,280 (9,256) [2,221] {1,111}	47,160 (9,432) [2,264] {1,132}	48,096 (9,619) [2,309] {1,154}
Westmoreland	4,402	4,472	4,538	4,601	4,739 (948) [227] {114}	4,876 (975) [234] {117}	5,010 (1,002) [241] {120}
York	6,630	6,716	6,742	6,798	6,931 (1,386) [333] {166}	7,067 (1,413) [339] {170}	7,206 (1,441) [346] {173}

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