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 11/10/20 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.

South Carolina State Projections
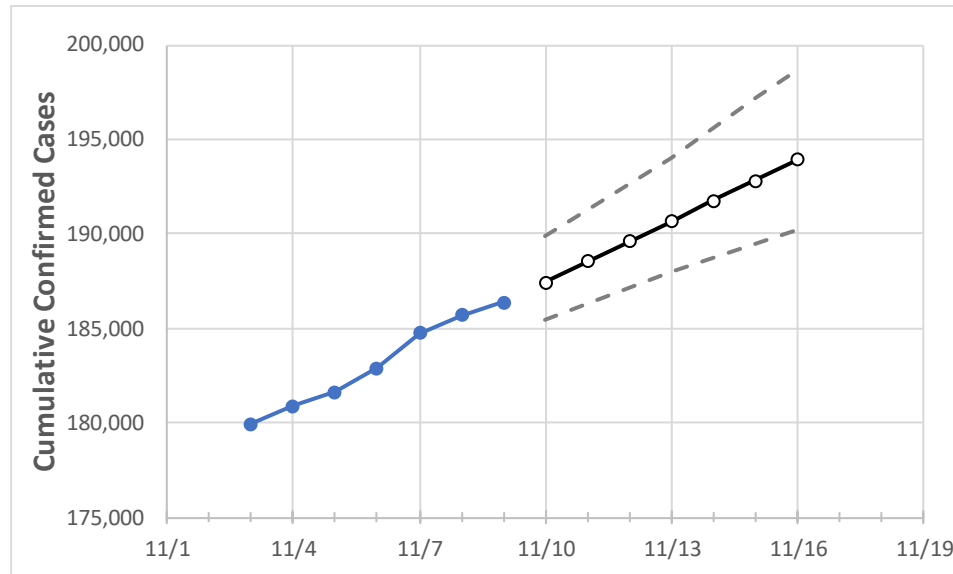
	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16
South Carolina	182,872	184,742	185,688	186,391	187,450	188,514	189,583	190,658	191,738	192,824	193,914

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.

South Carolina Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16
Beaufort	6,330	6,362	6,384	6,398	6,420	6,442	6,465	6,489	6,513	6,537	6,562
Charleston	17,775	17,876	17,953	18,002	18,074	18,148	18,223	18,300	18,378	18,457	18,538
Greenville	18,823	19,122	19,243	19,350	19,485	19,622	19,760	19,899	20,039	20,181	20,323
Kershaw	2,613	2,627	2,636	2,650	2,661	2,672	2,683	2,694	2,705	2,716	2,726
Lexington	9,592	9,679	9,756	9,807	9,884	9,963	10,044	10,126	10,210	10,295	10,383
Richland	18,024	18,148	18,213	18,256	18,337	18,418	18,500	18,583	18,666	18,749	18,834
Spartanburg	9,742	9,907	9,976	10,031	10,097	10,162	10,227	10,291	10,356	10,419	10,483
York	7,310	7,425	7,487	7,533	7,603	7,674	7,746	7,820	7,896	7,972	8,051

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.*

South Carolina Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:		
	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/11	11/13	11/15
Beaufort	6,330	6,362	6,384	6,398	6,442 (1,288) [309] {155}	6,489 (1,298) [311] {156}	6,537 (1,307) [314] {157}
Charleston	17,775	17,876	17,953	18,002	18,148 (3,630) [871] {436}	18,300 (3,660) [878] {439}	18,457 (3,691) [886] {443}
Greenville	18,823	19,122	19,243	19,350	19,622 (3,924) [942] {471}	19,899 (3,980) [955] {478}	20,181 (4,036) [969] {484}
Kershaw	2,613	2,627	2,636	2,650	2,672 (534) [128] {64}	2,694 (539) [129] {65}	2,716 (543) [130] {65}
Lexington	9,592	9,679	9,756	9,807	9,963 (1,993) [478] {239}	10,126 (2,025) [486] {243}	10,295 (2,059) [494] {247}
Richland	18,024	18,148	18,213	18,256	18,418 (3,684) [884] {442}	18,583 (3,717) [892] {446}	18,749 (3,750) [900] {450}
Spartanburg	9,742	9,907	9,976	10,031	10,162 (2,032) [488] {244}	10,291 (2,058) [494] {247}	10,419 (2,084) [500] {250}
York	7,310	7,425	7,487	7,533	7,674 (1,535) [368] {184}	7,820 (1,564) [375] {188}	7,972 (1,594) [383] {191}

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