

**IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections****Date: 11/13/20**

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 11/13/20 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.**

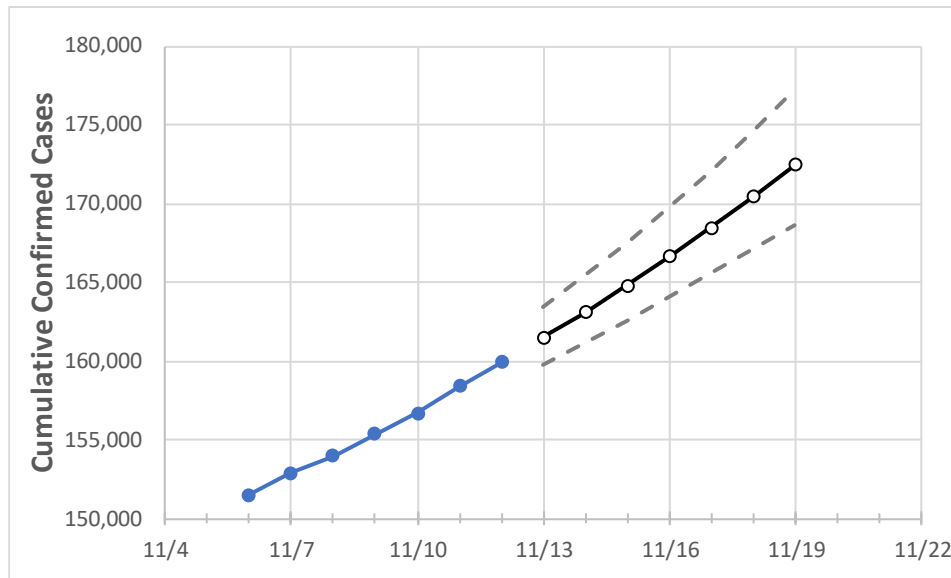
**IEM's Modeling Lead**

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.

## Maryland State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19
Maryland	155,371	156,709	158,423	159,900	161,468	163,105	164,813	166,597	168,459	170,403	172,432

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.

## Maryland Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19
Anne Arundel	13,224	13,335	13,495	13,595	13,738	13,886	14,041	14,202	14,369	14,544	14,725
Baltimore City	19,358	19,549	19,768	20,006	20,228	20,462	20,710	20,971	21,247	21,538	21,845
Baltimore County	22,668	22,864	23,104	23,392	23,660	23,940	24,234	24,542	24,866	25,204	25,559
Charles	3,516	3,553	3,592	3,616	3,654	3,694	3,736	3,780	3,827	3,875	3,926
Frederick	5,257	5,318	5,373	5,441	5,501	5,564	5,630	5,699	5,772	5,849	5,929
Harford	4,130	4,188	4,272	4,329	4,406	4,489	4,578	4,673	4,776	4,885	5,002
Howard	6,376	6,443	6,517	6,581	6,649	6,721	6,796	6,876	6,960	7,048	7,142
Montgomery	27,731	27,969	28,146	28,385	28,613	28,848	29,091	29,342	29,601	29,869	30,146
Prince George's	34,918	35,172	35,434	35,622	35,849	36,085	36,331	36,586	36,852	37,129	37,417

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.

### Maryland Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/14				11/16				11/18			
Anne Arundel	13,224	13,335	13,495	13,595	13,886	(2,777)	[667]	{333}	14,202	(2,840)	[682]	{341}	14,544	(2,909)	[698]	{349}
Baltimore City	19,358	19,549	19,768	20,006	20,462	(4,092)	[982]	{491}	20,971	(4,194)	[1,007]	{503}	21,538	(4,308)	[1,034]	{517}
Baltimore County	22,668	22,864	23,104	23,392	23,940	(4,788)	[1,149]	{575}	24,542	(4,908)	[1,178]	{589}	25,204	(5,041)	[1,210]	{605}
Charles	3,516	3,553	3,592	3,616	3,694	(739)	[177]	{89}	3,780	(756)	[181]	{91}	3,875	(775)	[186]	{93}
Frederick	5,257	5,318	5,373	5,441	5,564	(1,113)	[267]	{134}	5,699	(1,140)	[274]	{137}	5,849	(1,170)	[281]	{140}
Harford	4,130	4,188	4,272	4,329	4,489	(898)	[215]	{108}	4,673	(935)	[224]	{112}	4,885	(977)	[234]	{117}
Howard	6,376	6,443	6,517	6,581	6,721	(1,344)	[323]	{161}	6,876	(1,375)	[330]	{165}	7,048	(1,410)	[338]	{169}
Montgomery	27,731	27,969	28,146	28,385	28,848	(5,770)	[1,385]	{692}	29,342	(5,868)	[1,408]	{704}	29,869	(5,974)	[1,434]	{717}
Prince George's	34,918	35,172	35,434	35,622	36,085	(7,217)	[1,732]	{866}	36,586	(7,317)	[1,756]	{878}	37,129	(7,426)	[1,782]	{891}

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