

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections

Date: 11/16/20

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 11/16/20 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.

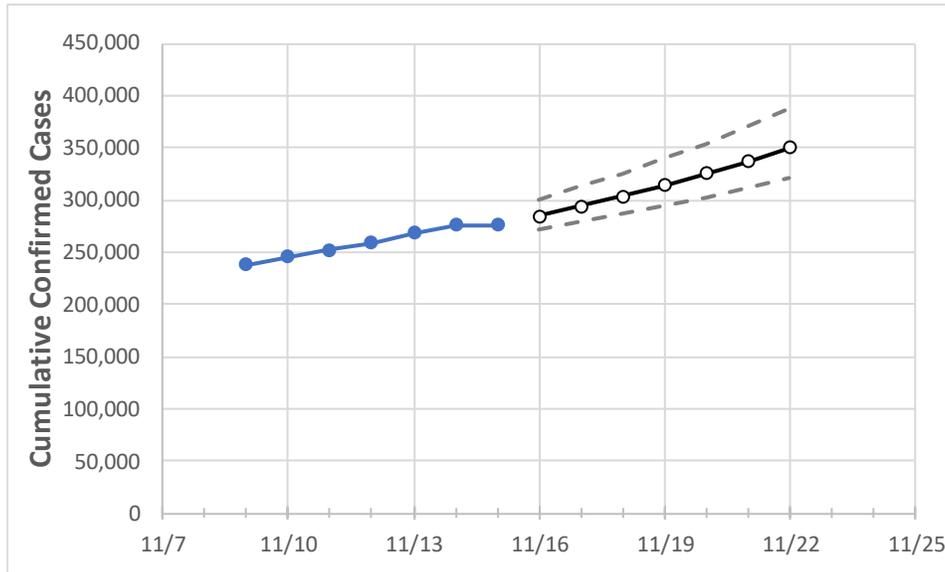
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Michigan State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22
Michigan	259,183	268,362	275,792	275,792	284,589	293,914	303,798	314,274	325,373	337,132	349,586

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.

Michigan Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22
Genesee	9,568	9,921	10,245	10,245	10,551	10,874	11,215	11,575	11,956	12,357	12,780
Ingham	6,176	6,353	6,578	6,578	6,745	6,924	7,115	7,321	7,542	7,778	8,032
Kent	22,038	22,934	23,625	23,625	24,457	25,337	26,265	27,246	28,280	29,372	30,524
Livingston	3,328	3,472	3,549	3,549	3,681	3,820	3,967	4,122	4,285	4,456	4,638
Macomb	25,608	26,321	27,199	27,199	28,082	29,029	30,043	31,130	32,294	33,540	34,874
Monroe	3,188	3,368	3,452	3,452	3,609	3,779	3,964	4,165	4,383	4,619	4,875
Oakland	33,092	33,906	34,658	34,658	35,557	36,511	37,522	38,594	39,730	40,934	42,210
Washtenaw	7,154	7,368	7,512	7,512	7,664	7,821	7,984	8,153	8,328	8,509	8,697
Wayne	48,941	49,785	50,486	50,486	51,416	52,400	53,443	54,547	55,716	56,953	58,263

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.

Michigan Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/17			11/19			11/21					
Genesee	9,568	9,921	10,245	10,245	10,874	(2,175)	[522]	{261}	11,575	(2,315)	[556]	{278}	12,357	(2,471)	[593]	{297}
Ingham	6,176	6,353	6,578	6,578	6,924	(1,385)	[332]	{166}	7,321	(1,464)	[351]	{176}	7,778	(1,556)	[373]	{187}
Kent	22,038	22,934	23,625	23,625	25,337	(5,067)	[1,216]	{608}	27,246	(5,449)	[1,308]	{654}	29,372	(5,874)	[1,410]	{705}
Livingston	3,328	3,472	3,549	3,549	3,820	(764)	[183]	{92}	4,122	(824)	[198]	{99}	4,456	(891)	[214]	{107}
Macomb	25,608	26,321	27,199	27,199	29,029	(5,806)	[1,393]	{697}	31,130	(6,226)	[1,494]	{747}	33,540	(6,708)	[1,610]	{805}
Monroe	3,188	3,368	3,452	3,452	3,779	(756)	[181]	{91}	4,165	(833)	[200]	{100}	4,619	(924)	[222]	{111}
Oakland	33,092	33,906	34,658	34,658	36,511	(7,302)	[1,753]	{876}	38,594	(7,719)	[1,852]	{926}	40,934	(8,187)	[1,965]	{982}
Washtenaw	7,154	7,368	7,512	7,512	7,821	(1,564)	[375]	{188}	8,153	(1,631)	[391]	{196}	8,509	(1,702)	[408]	{204}
Wayne	48,941	49,785	50,486	50,486	52,400	(10,480)	[2,515]	{1,258}	54,547	(10,909)	[2,618]	{1,309}	56,953	(11,391)	[2,734]	{1,367}

For additional information from IEM, please contact Bryan Koon, Vice President of Emergency Management and Homeland Security at bryan.koon@iem.com or 850-519-7966 or Stephanie Tennyson at stephanie.tennyson@iem.com or 202-309-4257.