

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 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.

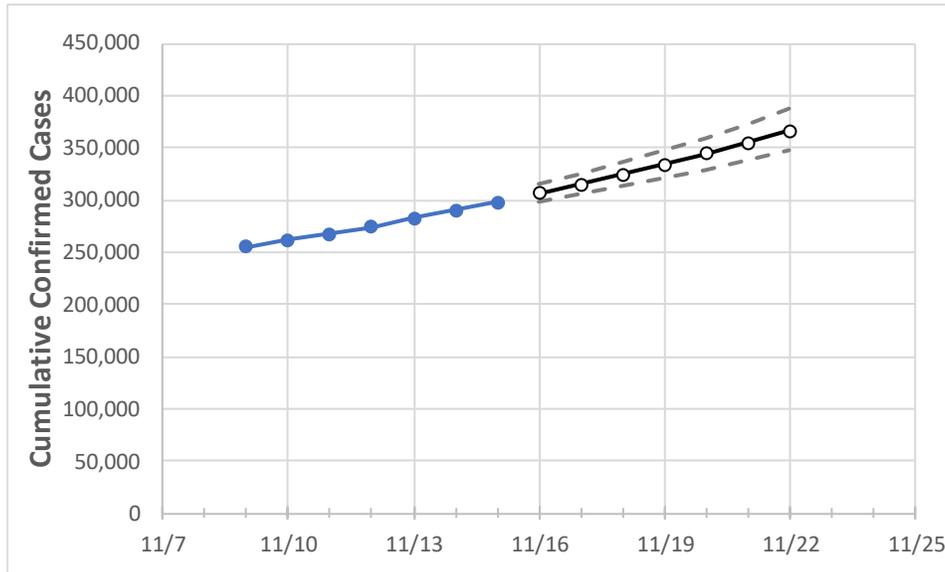
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Ohio 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	
Ohio	274,457	282,528	290,243	298,096	306,268	314,912	324,054	333,723	343,945	354,753	366,177	

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.

Ohio 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	
Cuyahoga	26,880	27,591	28,252	29,234	30,136	31,117	32,184	33,344	34,606	35,978	37,469	
Franklin	40,621	41,295	42,123	42,896	43,746	44,643	45,587	46,583	47,631	48,736	49,899	
Hamilton	22,892	23,283	24,364	24,998	25,580	26,195	26,842	27,525	28,246	29,004	29,804	
Lake	4,006	4,264	4,469	4,721	5,042	5,395	5,785	6,214	6,686	7,206	7,778	
Lorain	4,167	4,363	4,505	4,711	4,904	5,114	5,344	5,595	5,870	6,170	6,497	
Lucas	10,922	11,265	11,454	11,765	12,060	12,376	12,715	13,078	13,466	13,882	14,326	
Mahoning	5,065	5,234	5,333	5,492	5,642	5,802	5,974	6,156	6,351	6,559	6,781	
Medina	3,093	3,201	3,295	3,395	3,525	3,663	3,811	3,968	4,136	4,315	4,505	
Miami	3,094	3,198	3,266	3,343	3,441	3,545	3,654	3,770	3,893	4,022	4,158	
Summit	9,676	10,024	10,245	10,529	10,833	11,157	11,501	11,868	12,258	12,673	13,115	

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.

Ohio 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			
Cuyahoga	26,880	27,591	28,252	29,234	31,117	(6,223)	[1,494]	{747}	33,344	(6,669)	[1,601]	{800}	35,978	(7,196)	[1,727]	{863}
Franklin	40,621	41,295	42,123	42,896	44,643	(8,929)	[2,143]	{1,071}	46,583	(9,317)	[2,236]	{1,118}	48,736	(9,747)	[2,339]	{1,170}
Hamilton	22,892	23,283	24,364	24,998	26,195	(5,239)	[1,257]	{629}	27,525	(5,505)	[1,321]	{661}	29,004	(5,801)	[1,392]	{696}
Lake	4,006	4,264	4,469	4,721	5,395	(1,079)	[259]	{129}	6,214	(1,243)	[298]	{149}	7,206	(1,441)	[346]	{173}
Lorain	4,167	4,363	4,505	4,711	5,114	(1,023)	[245]	{123}	5,595	(1,119)	[269]	{134}	6,170	(1,234)	[296]	{148}
Lucas	10,922	11,265	11,454	11,765	12,376	(2,475)	[594]	{297}	13,078	(2,616)	[628]	{314}	13,882	(2,776)	[666]	{333}
Mahoning	5,065	5,234	5,333	5,492	5,802	(1,160)	[279]	{139}	6,156	(1,231)	[295]	{148}	6,559	(1,312)	[315]	{157}
Medina	3,093	3,201	3,295	3,395	3,663	(733)	[176]	{88}	3,968	(794)	[190]	{95}	4,315	(863)	[207]	{104}
Miami	3,094	3,198	3,266	3,343	3,545	(709)	[170]	{85}	3,770	(754)	[181]	{90}	4,022	(804)	[193]	{97}
Summit	9,676	10,024	10,245	10,529	11,157	(2,231)	[536]	{268}	11,868	(2,374)	[570]	{285}	12,673	(2,535)	[608]	{304}

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