

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 11/19/20 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.

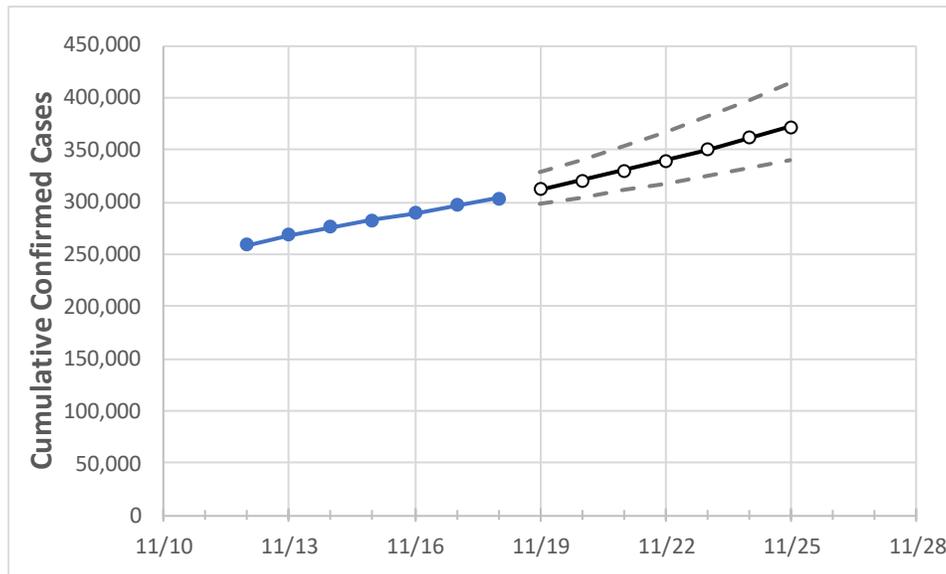
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23	11/24	11/25
Michigan	282,373	288,954	296,840	303,058	311,722	320,762	330,192	340,028	350,286	360,982	372,133

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:					
	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23	11/24	11/25
Genesee	10,511	10,777	11,179	11,498	11,867	12,257	12,669	13,103	13,563	14,047	14,559
Ingham	6,747	6,916	7,038	7,168	7,366	7,579	7,806	8,049	8,309	8,587	8,884
Kent	24,308	24,990	25,699	26,307	27,118	27,962	28,842	29,757	30,710	31,702	32,734
Livingston	3,663	3,776	3,924	3,990	4,115	4,245	4,380	4,519	4,662	4,811	4,965
Macomb	27,729	28,258	29,063	29,617	30,409	31,234	32,094	32,991	33,925	34,899	35,914
Monroe	3,532	3,612	3,754	3,892	4,030	4,173	4,323	4,480	4,644	4,815	4,994
Oakland	35,339	36,020	36,983	37,587	38,530	39,520	40,561	41,653	42,801	44,006	45,271
Washtenaw	7,644	7,775	7,935	8,057	8,239	8,428	8,625	8,831	9,044	9,267	9,498
Wayne	51,221	51,956	52,958	53,764	54,725	55,731	56,783	57,884	59,035	60,239	61,499

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:											
	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/20			11/22			11/24					
Genesee	10,511	10,777	11,179	11,498	12,257	(2,451)	[588]	{294}	13,103	(2,621)	[629]	{314}	14,047	(2,809)	[674]	{337}
Ingham	6,747	6,916	7,038	7,168	7,579	(1,516)	[364]	{182}	8,049	(1,610)	[386]	{193}	8,587	(1,717)	[412]	{206}
Kent	24,308	24,990	25,699	26,307	27,962	(5,592)	[1,342]	{671}	29,757	(5,951)	[1,428]	{714}	31,702	(6,340)	[1,522]	{761}
Livingston	3,663	3,776	3,924	3,990	4,245	(849)	[204]	{102}	4,519	(904)	[217]	{108}	4,811	(962)	[231]	{115}
Macomb	27,729	28,258	29,063	29,617	31,234	(6,247)	[1,499]	{750}	32,991	(6,598)	[1,584]	{792}	34,899	(6,980)	[1,675]	{838}
Monroe	3,532	3,612	3,754	3,892	4,173	(835)	[200]	{100}	4,480	(896)	[215]	{108}	4,815	(963)	[231]	{116}
Oakland	35,339	36,020	36,983	37,587	39,520	(7,904)	[1,897]	{948}	41,653	(8,331)	[1,999]	{1,000}	44,006	(8,801)	[2,112]	{1,056}
Washtenaw	7,644	7,775	7,935	8,057	8,428	(1,686)	[405]	{202}	8,831	(1,766)	[424]	{212}	9,267	(1,853)	[445]	{222}
Wayne	51,221	51,956	52,958	53,764	55,731	(11,146)	[2,675]	{1,338}	57,884	(11,577)	[2,778]	{1,389}	60,239	(12,048)	[2,891]	{1,446}

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