

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

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 11/20/20 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.

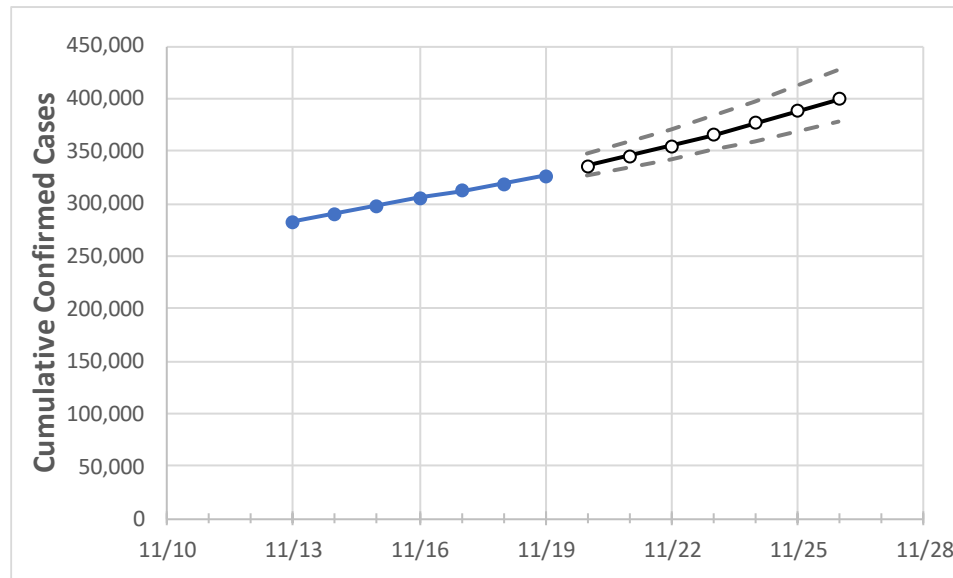
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23	11/24	11/25	11/26
Ohio	305,364	312,443	318,828	326,615	335,689	345,186	355,127	365,530	376,415	387,805	399,720

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:						
	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22	11/23	11/24	11/25	11/26
Cuyahoga	29,952	30,581	31,140	31,895	32,876	33,919	35,026	36,203	37,453	38,780	40,189
Franklin	43,520	44,159	44,809	45,650	46,515	47,411	48,340	49,302	50,300	51,333	52,404
Hamilton	25,528	26,066	26,468	27,106	27,760	28,444	29,160	29,909	30,693	31,513	32,371
Lake	5,001	5,197	5,413	5,665	5,990	6,338	6,709	7,106	7,530	7,982	8,466
Lorain	4,899	5,040	5,148	5,320	5,547	5,792	6,054	6,337	6,641	6,967	7,318
Lucas	12,097	12,297	12,443	12,611	12,886	13,174	13,475	13,790	14,119	14,463	14,823
Mahoning	5,644	5,815	5,941	6,141	6,341	6,555	6,784	7,030	7,293	7,575	7,877
Medina	3,505	3,594	3,680	3,786	3,912	4,043	4,179	4,322	4,470	4,624	4,785
Miami	3,453	3,528	3,588	3,693	3,798	3,906	4,020	4,138	4,261	4,389	4,522
Summit	10,802	11,152	11,346	11,659	12,025	12,414	12,826	13,262	13,725	14,215	14,734

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:											
	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/21				11/23				11/25			
Cuyahoga	29,952	30,581	31,140	31,895	33,919	(6,784)	[1,628]	{814}	36,203	(7,241)	[1,738]	{869}	38,780	(7,756)	[1,861]	{931}
Franklin	43,520	44,159	44,809	45,650	47,411	(9,482)	[2,276]	{1,138}	49,302	(9,860)	[2,367]	{1,183}	51,333	(10,267)	[2,464]	{1,232}
Hamilton	25,528	26,066	26,468	27,106	28,444	(5,689)	[1,365]	{683}	29,909	(5,982)	[1,436]	{718}	31,513	(6,303)	[1,513]	{756}
Lake	5,001	5,197	5,413	5,665	6,338	(1,268)	[304]	{152}	7,106	(1,421)	[341]	{171}	7,982	(1,596)	[383]	{192}
Lorain	4,899	5,040	5,148	5,320	5,792	(1,158)	[278]	{139}	6,337	(1,267)	[304]	{152}	6,967	(1,393)	[334]	{167}
Lucas	12,097	12,297	12,443	12,611	13,174	(2,635)	[632]	{316}	13,790	(2,758)	[662]	{331}	14,463	(2,893)	[694]	{347}
Mahoning	5,644	5,815	5,941	6,141	6,555	(1,311)	[315]	{157}	7,030	(1,406)	[337]	{169}	7,575	(1,515)	[364]	{182}
Medina	3,505	3,594	3,680	3,786	4,043	(809)	[194]	{97}	4,322	(864)	[207]	{104}	4,624	(925)	[222]	{111}
Miami	3,453	3,528	3,588	3,693	3,906	(781)	[188]	{94}	4,138	(828)	[199]	{99}	4,389	(878)	[211]	{105}
Summit	10,802	11,152	11,346	11,659	12,414	(2,483)	[596]	{298}	13,262	(2,652)	[637]	{318}	14,215	(2,843)	[682]	{341}

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