

**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.**

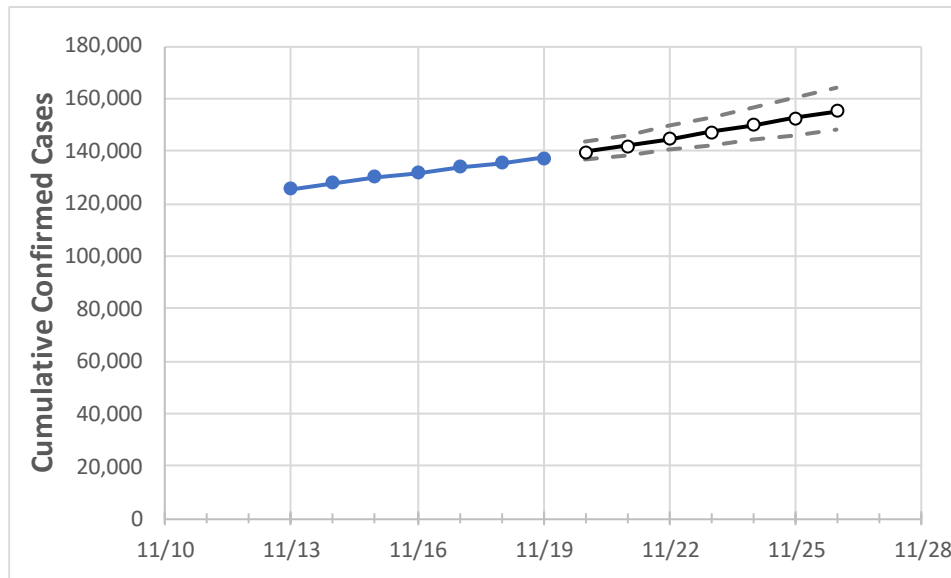
**IEM's Modeling Lead**

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.

## Washington 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
Washington	131,532	134,121	135,424	137,411	139,686	142,049	144,505	147,055	149,705	152,458	155,317

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.

## Washington 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
Benton	6,603	6,715	6,834	6,917	7,029	7,146	7,271	7,403	7,542	7,688	7,843
Clark	6,037	6,315	6,556	6,760	6,948	7,149	7,363	7,593	7,838	8,100	8,380
Grant	3,663	3,715	3,721	3,738	3,760	3,783	3,807	3,832	3,859	3,887	3,916
Island	504	508	514	520	529	538	547	557	568	579	591
King	34,892	35,669	35,897	36,471	37,073	37,695	38,339	39,005	39,693	40,406	41,142
Kitsap	1,993	2,045	2,048	2,076	2,106	2,136	2,166	2,198	2,229	2,262	2,294
Pierce	13,200	13,461	13,665	13,912	14,181	14,463	14,758	15,067	15,390	15,729	16,084
Skagit	1,643	1,670	1,672	1,687	1,711	1,736	1,762	1,788	1,816	1,844	1,873
Snohomish	11,468	11,692	11,798	12,002	12,209	12,422	12,643	12,870	13,105	13,347	13,597
Spokane	12,708	12,938	13,090	13,331	13,613	13,907	14,214	14,534	14,869	15,219	15,583
Thurston	2,295	2,363	2,401	2,444	2,510	2,580	2,655	2,734	2,818	2,907	3,002
Whatcom	1,914	1,942	1,940	1,983	2,016	2,051	2,090	2,132	2,178	2,228	2,282
Yakima	12,563	12,631	12,671	12,710	12,762	12,816	12,874	12,934	12,998	13,065	13,135

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.

### Washington 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			
Benton	6,603	6,715	6,834	6,917	7,146	(1,429)	[343]	{172}	7,403	(1,481)	[355]	{178}	7,688	(1,538)	[369]	{185}
Clark	6,037	6,315	6,556	6,760	7,149	(1,430)	[343]	{172}	7,593	(1,519)	[364]	{182}	8,100	(1,620)	[389]	{194}
Grant	3,663	3,715	3,721	3,738	3,783	(757)	[182]	{91}	3,832	(766)	[184]	{92}	3,887	(777)	[187]	{93}
Island	504	508	514	520	538	(108)	[26]	{13}	557	(111)	[27]	{13}	579	(116)	[28]	{14}
King	34,892	35,669	35,897	36,471	37,695	(7,539)	[1,809]	{905}	39,005	(7,801)	[1,872]	{936}	40,406	(8,081)	[1,939]	{970}
Kitsap	1,993	2,045	2,048	2,076	2,136	(427)	[103]	{51}	2,198	(440)	[105]	{53}	2,262	(452)	[109]	{54}
Pierce	13,200	13,461	13,665	13,912	14,463	(2,893)	[694]	{347}	15,067	(3,013)	[723]	{362}	15,729	(3,146)	[755]	{377}
Skagit	1,643	1,670	1,672	1,687	1,736	(347)	[83]	{42}	1,788	(358)	[86]	{43}	1,844	(369)	[89]	{44}
Snohomish	11,468	11,692	11,798	12,002	12,422	(2,484)	[596]	{298}	12,870	(2,574)	[618]	{309}	13,347	(2,669)	[641]	{320}
Spokane	12,708	12,938	13,090	13,331	13,907	(2,781)	[668]	{334}	14,534	(2,907)	[698]	{349}	15,219	(3,044)	[730]	{365}
Thurston	2,295	2,363	2,401	2,444	2,580	(516)	[124]	{62}	2,734	(547)	[131]	{66}	2,907	(581)	[140]	{70}
Whatcom	1,914	1,942	1,940	1,983	2,051	(410)	[98]	{49}	2,132	(426)	[102]	{51}	2,228	(446)	[107]	{53}
Yakima	12,563	12,631	12,671	12,710	12,816	(2,563)	[615]	{308}	12,934	(2,587)	[621]	{310}	13,065	(2,613)	[627]	{314}

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