

**IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections****Date: 12/3/20**

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 12/3/20 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.**

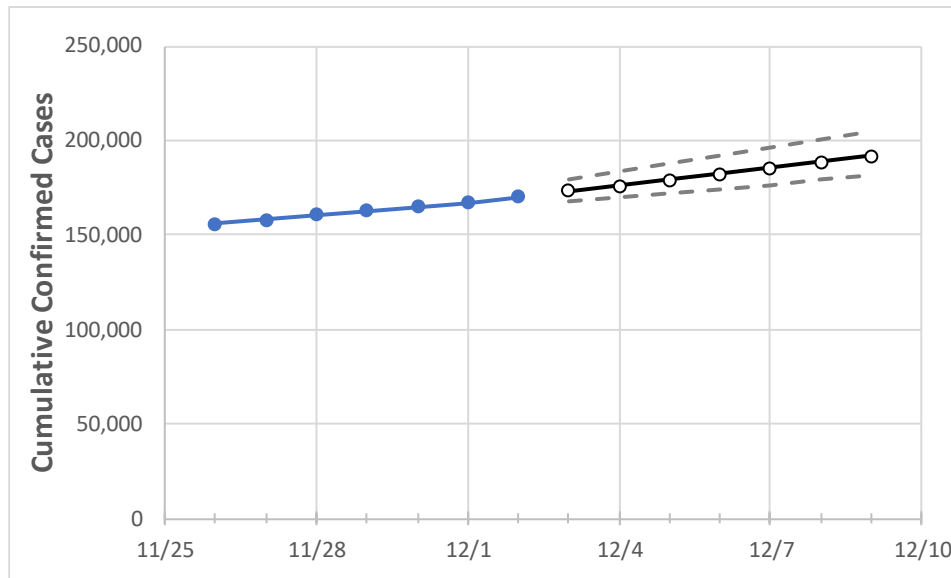
**IEM's Modeling Lead**

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:						
	11/29	11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9
Washington	162,700	165,019	167,216	170,342	173,217	176,159	179,171	182,253	185,409	188,638	191,944

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:						
	11/29	11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9
Benton	8,065	8,171	8,248	8,386	8,512	8,640	8,771	8,905	9,042	9,181	9,324
Clark	8,495	8,613	8,912	9,187	9,385	9,589	9,797	10,012	10,232	10,457	10,688
Grant	4,135	4,152	4,198	4,226	4,265	4,305	4,347	4,390	4,436	4,483	4,532
Island	624	629	649	676	688	700	713	726	740	754	768
King	43,837	44,348	45,127	45,757	46,513	47,279	48,056	48,845	49,645	50,457	51,280
Kitsap	2,438	2,490	2,537	2,584	2,626	2,669	2,713	2,758	2,804	2,851	2,900
Pierce	16,757	17,164	17,441	17,690	18,038	18,397	18,769	19,153	19,550	19,960	20,384
Skagit	1,995	2,023	2,059	2,111	2,144	2,177	2,212	2,248	2,285	2,323	2,362
Snohomish	14,394	14,627	14,824	15,125	15,389	15,660	15,936	16,218	16,507	16,802	17,104
Spokane	16,606	16,960	16,923	17,460	17,835	18,224	18,626	19,042	19,473	19,919	20,381
Thurston	2,957	3,018	3,057	3,105	3,152	3,199	3,247	3,294	3,342	3,390	3,439
Whatcom	2,357	2,386	2,469	2,545	2,594	2,646	2,700	2,756	2,815	2,877	2,942
Yakima	13,665	13,770	13,847	14,017	14,151	14,294	14,446	14,607	14,779	14,962	15,156

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:											
	11/29	11/30	12/1	12/2	12/4			12/6			12/8					
Benton	8,065	8,171	8,248	8,386	8,640	(1,728)	[415]	{207}	8,905	(1,781)	[427]	{214}	9,181	(1,836)	[441]	{220}
Clark	8,495	8,613	8,912	9,187	9,589	(1,918)	[460]	{230}	10,012	(2,002)	[481]	{240}	10,457	(2,091)	[502]	{251}
Grant	4,135	4,152	4,198	4,226	4,305	(861)	[207]	{103}	4,390	(878)	[211]	{105}	4,483	(897)	[215]	{108}
Island	624	629	649	676	700	(140)	[34]	{17}	726	(145)	[35]	{17}	754	(151)	[36]	{18}
King	43,837	44,348	45,127	45,757	47,279	(9,456)	[2,269]	{1,135}	48,845	(9,769)	[2,345]	{1,172}	50,457	(10,091)	[2,422]	{1,211}
Kitsap	2,438	2,490	2,537	2,584	2,669	(534)	[128]	{64}	2,758	(552)	[132]	{66}	2,851	(570)	[137]	{68}
Pierce	16,757	17,164	17,441	17,690	18,397	(3,679)	[883]	{442}	19,153	(3,831)	[919]	{460}	19,960	(3,992)	[958]	{479}
Skagit	1,995	2,023	2,059	2,111	2,177	(435)	[105]	{52}	2,248	(450)	[108]	{54}	2,323	(465)	[111]	{56}
Snohomish	14,394	14,627	14,824	15,125	15,660	(3,132)	[752]	{376}	16,218	(3,244)	[778]	{389}	16,802	(3,360)	[807]	{403}
Spokane	16,606	16,960	16,923	17,460	18,224	(3,645)	[875]	{437}	19,042	(3,808)	[914]	{457}	19,919	(3,984)	[956]	{478}
Thurston	2,957	3,018	3,057	3,105	3,199	(640)	[154]	{77}	3,294	(659)	[158]	{79}	3,390	(678)	[163]	{81}
Whatcom	2,357	2,386	2,469	2,545	2,646	(529)	[127]	{63}	2,756	(551)	[132]	{66}	2,877	(575)	[138]	{69}
Yakima	13,665	13,770	13,847	14,017	14,294	(2,859)	[686]	{343}	14,607	(2,921)	[701]	{351}	14,962	(2,992)	[718]	{359}

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