

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 12/4/20 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.

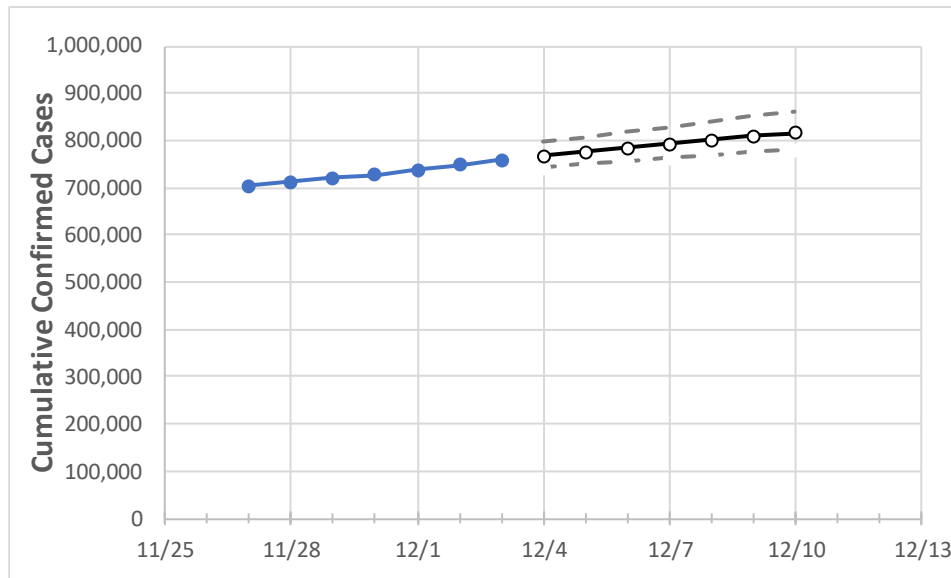
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Illinois State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10
Illinois	726,304	738,846	748,603	759,562	768,056	776,434	784,699	792,850	800,890	808,819	816,640

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.

Illinois Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10
Cook	306,369	310,722	314,134	318,324	321,419	324,472	327,485	330,457	333,389	336,281	339,134
DuPage	45,446	47,179	47,742	48,499	49,111	49,718	50,322	50,921	51,516	52,107	52,694
Kane	31,955	32,533	32,910	33,273	33,605	33,931	34,251	34,566	34,875	35,179	35,477
Lake	37,596	38,073	38,638	39,051	39,466	39,878	40,288	40,695	41,100	41,503	41,903
McHenry	14,350	14,655	14,817	14,996	15,137	15,275	15,410	15,541	15,669	15,794	15,915
Will	39,020	40,092	40,611	41,204	41,714	42,215	42,709	43,195	43,674	44,146	44,610

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.

Illinois Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/5			12/7			12/9					
Cook	306,369	310,722	314,134	318,324	324,472	(64,894)	[15,575]	{7,787}	330,457	(66,091)	[15,862]	{7,931}	336,281	(67,256)	[16,141]	{8,071}
DuPage	45,446	47,179	47,742	48,499	49,718	(9,944)	[2,386]	{1,193}	50,921	(10,184)	[2,444]	{1,222}	52,107	(10,421)	[2,501]	{1,251}
Kane	31,955	32,533	32,910	33,273	33,931	(6,786)	[1,629]	{814}	34,566	(6,913)	[1,659]	{830}	35,179	(7,036)	[1,689]	{844}
Lake	37,596	38,073	38,638	39,051	39,878	(7,976)	[1,914]	{957}	40,695	(8,139)	[1,953]	{977}	41,503	(8,301)	[1,992]	{996}
McHenry	14,350	14,655	14,817	14,996	15,275	(3,055)	[733]	{367}	15,541	(3,108)	[746]	{373}	15,794	(3,159)	[758]	{379}
Will	39,020	40,092	40,611	41,204	42,215	(8,443)	[2,026]	{1,013}	43,195	(8,639)	[2,073]	{1,037}	44,146	(8,829)	[2,119]	{1,059}

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