

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 12/17/20**

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 12/17/20 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.

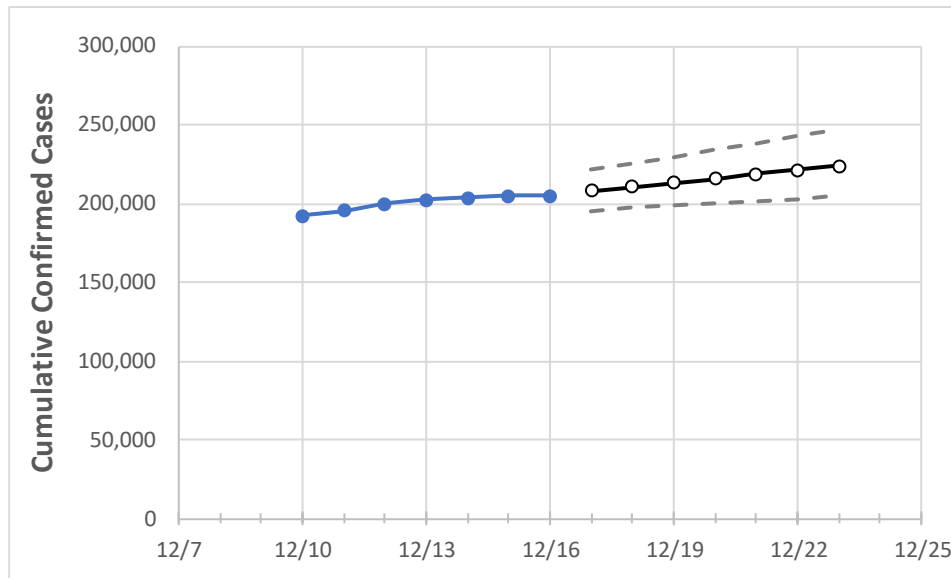
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23
Washington	202,063	203,797	205,069	205,069	207,743	210,433	213,139	215,860	218,596	221,347	224,114

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:						
	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23
Benton	9,863	9,946	10,052	10,052	10,183	10,316	10,450	10,586	10,723	10,862	11,002
Clark	11,109	11,204	11,298	11,298	11,449	11,600	11,750	11,901	12,051	12,201	12,350
Grant	4,611	4,665	4,709	4,709	4,750	4,791	4,834	4,877	4,922	4,967	5,012
Island	784	785	787	787	796	804	813	821	830	838	847
King	53,927	54,535	54,795	54,795	55,477	56,159	56,843	57,528	58,213	58,900	59,587
Kitsap	3,121	3,126	3,176	3,176	3,223	3,271	3,319	3,368	3,417	3,467	3,517
Pierce	21,460	21,661	21,821	21,821	22,171	22,528	22,891	23,259	23,634	24,016	24,403
Skagit	2,558	2,564	2,571	2,571	2,607	2,643	2,679	2,716	2,754	2,791	2,830
Snohomish	18,202	18,370	18,501	18,501	18,768	19,038	19,310	19,584	19,860	20,139	20,420
Spokane	21,361	21,543	21,591	21,591	21,920	22,252	22,586	22,922	23,262	23,603	23,948
Thurston	3,686	3,724	3,757	3,757	3,807	3,858	3,909	3,960	4,011	4,062	4,114
Whatcom	2,906	2,924	2,936	2,936	2,964	2,992	3,020	3,048	3,075	3,103	3,131
Yakima	15,679	15,795	15,879	15,879	16,051	16,230	16,415	16,607	16,805	17,011	17,224

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:											
	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/18				12/20				12/22			
Benton	9,863	9,946	10,052	10,052	10,316	(2,063)	[495]	{248}	10,586	(2,117)	[508]	{254}	10,862	(2,172)	[521]	{261}
Clark	11,109	11,204	11,298	11,298	11,600	(2,320)	[557]	{278}	11,901	(2,380)	[571]	{286}	12,201	(2,440)	[586]	{293}
Grant	4,611	4,665	4,709	4,709	4,791	(958)	[230]	{115}	4,877	(975)	[234]	{117}	4,967	(993)	[238]	{119}
Island	784	785	787	787	804	(161)	[39]	{19}	821	(164)	[39]	{20}	838	(168)	[40]	{20}
King	53,927	54,535	54,795	54,795	56,159	(11,232)	[2,696]	{1,348}	57,528	(11,506)	[2,761]	{1,381}	58,900	(11,780)	[2,827]	{1,414}
Kitsap	3,121	3,126	3,176	3,176	3,271	(654)	[157]	{79}	3,368	(674)	[162]	{81}	3,467	(693)	[166]	{83}
Pierce	21,460	21,661	21,821	21,821	22,528	(4,506)	[1,081]	{541}	23,259	(4,652)	[1,116]	{558}	24,016	(4,803)	[1,153]	{576}
Skagit	2,558	2,564	2,571	2,571	2,643	(529)	[127]	{63}	2,716	(543)	[130]	{65}	2,791	(558)	[134]	{67}
Snohomish	18,202	18,370	18,501	18,501	19,038	(3,808)	[914]	{457}	19,584	(3,917)	[940]	{470}	20,139	(4,028)	[967]	{483}
Spokane	21,361	21,543	21,591	21,591	22,252	(4,450)	[1,068]	{534}	22,922	(4,584)	[1,100]	{550}	23,603	(4,721)	[1,133]	{566}
Thurston	3,686	3,724	3,757	3,757	3,858	(772)	[185]	{93}	3,960	(792)	[190]	{95}	4,062	(812)	[195]	{97}
Whatcom	2,906	2,924	2,936	2,936	2,992	(598)	[144]	{72}	3,048	(610)	[146]	{73}	3,103	(621)	[149]	{74}
Yakima	15,679	15,795	15,879	15,879	16,230	(3,246)	[779]	{390}	16,607	(3,321)	[797]	{399}	17,011	(3,402)	[817]	{408}

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