

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 12/18/20**

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 12/18/20 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.

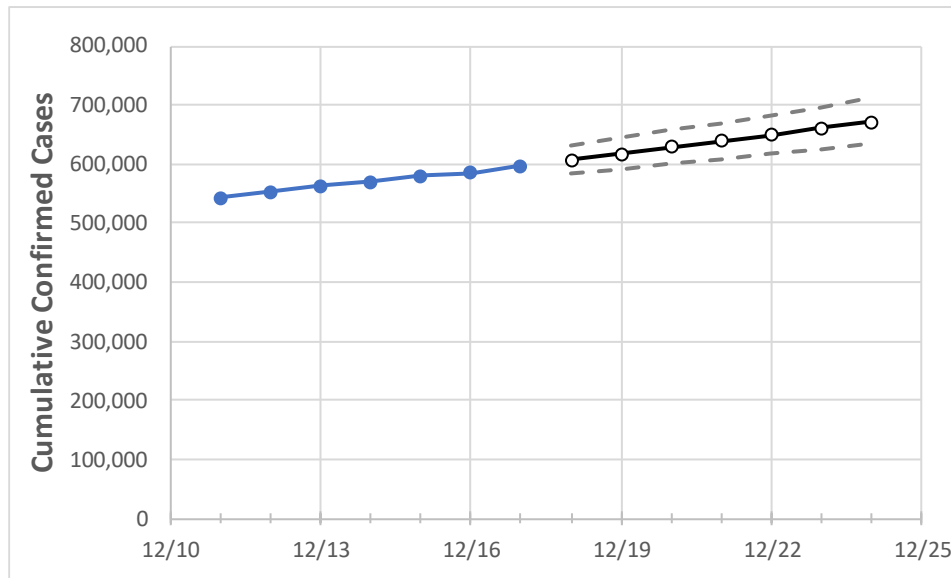
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24
Ohio	570,602	579,357	584,766	596,178	606,873	617,590	628,331	639,093	649,877	660,682	671,504

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:						
	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24
Athens	2,653	2,677	2,700	2,731	2,767	2,803	2,838	2,874	2,909	2,944	2,979
Cuyahoga	57,303	58,055	58,427	59,363	60,479	61,597	62,718	63,842	64,968	66,096	67,227
Franklin	69,961	70,879	71,538	72,583	73,668	74,750	75,830	76,907	77,982	79,054	80,124
Hamilton	43,457	43,939	44,346	45,052	45,762	46,471	47,179	47,887	48,594	49,301	50,007
Lake	10,332	10,490	10,560	10,743	10,889	11,032	11,174	11,314	11,452	11,589	11,723
Lorain	11,648	11,782	11,879	12,162	12,446	12,731	13,018	13,307	13,598	13,891	14,185
Lucas	21,577	21,814	21,988	22,440	22,838	23,240	23,644	24,052	24,464	24,878	25,296
Mahoning	11,852	12,083	12,229	12,458	12,697	12,936	13,175	13,415	13,654	13,893	14,132
Medina	7,407	7,533	7,635	7,800	7,954	8,108	8,263	8,419	8,576	8,733	8,891
Miami	6,256	6,370	6,401	6,514	6,605	6,695	6,784	6,873	6,961	7,048	7,135
Summit	22,244	22,716	22,903	23,394	23,897	24,403	24,913	25,425	25,940	26,457	26,977

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:											
	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/19				12/21				12/23			
Athens	2,653	2,677	2,700	2,731	2,803	(561)	[135]	{67}	2,874	(575)	[138]	{69}	2,944	(589)	[141]	{71}
Cuyahoga	57,303	58,055	58,427	59,363	61,597	(12,319)	[2,957]	{1,478}	63,842	(12,768)	[3,064]	{1,532}	66,096	(13,219)	[3,173]	{1,586}
Franklin	69,961	70,879	71,538	72,583	74,750	(14,950)	[3,588]	{1,794}	76,907	(15,381)	[3,692]	{1,846}	79,054	(15,811)	[3,795]	{1,897}
Hamilton	43,457	43,939	44,346	45,052	46,471	(9,294)	[2,231]	{1,115}	47,887	(9,577)	[2,299]	{1,149}	49,301	(9,860)	[2,366]	{1,183}
Lake	10,332	10,490	10,560	10,743	11,032	(2,206)	[530]	{265}	11,314	(2,263)	[543]	{272}	11,589	(2,318)	[556]	{278}
Lorain	11,648	11,782	11,879	12,162	12,731	(2,546)	[611]	{306}	13,307	(2,661)	[639]	{319}	13,891	(2,778)	[667]	{333}
Lucas	21,577	21,814	21,988	22,440	23,240	(4,648)	[1,115]	{558}	24,052	(4,810)	[1,155]	{577}	24,878	(4,976)	[1,194]	{597}
Mahoning	11,852	12,083	12,229	12,458	12,936	(2,587)	[621]	{310}	13,415	(2,683)	[644]	{322}	13,893	(2,779)	[667]	{333}
Medina	7,407	7,533	7,635	7,800	8,108	(1,622)	[389]	{195}	8,419	(1,684)	[404]	{202}	8,733	(1,747)	[419]	{210}
Miami	6,256	6,370	6,401	6,514	6,695	(1,339)	[321]	{161}	6,873	(1,375)	[330]	{165}	7,048	(1,410)	[338]	{169}
Summit	22,244	22,716	22,903	23,394	24,403	(4,881)	[1,171]	{586}	25,425	(5,085)	[1,220]	{610}	26,457	(5,291)	[1,270]	{635}

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