

## 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 12/21/20 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.**

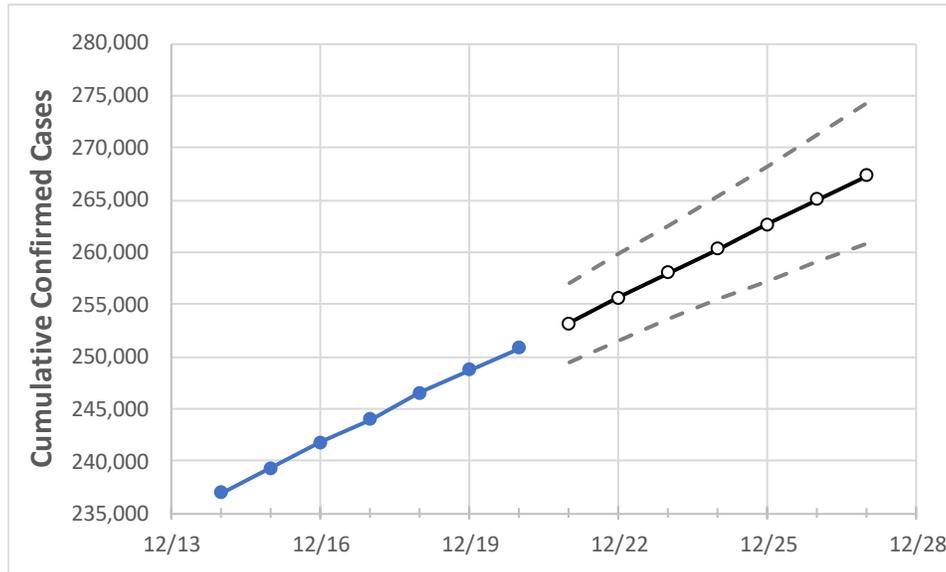
### IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

### Maryland State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:						Projected Cases For:					
	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25	12/26	12/27	
Maryland	243,984	246,553	248,754	250,808	253,224	255,621	258,000	260,360	262,702	265,026	267,332	

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.

### Maryland Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:						Projected Cases For:					
	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25	12/26	12/27	
Anne Arundel	20,941	21,223	21,455	21,674	21,923	22,172	22,422	22,672	22,922	23,172	23,422	
Baltimore City	28,853	29,020	29,156	29,331	29,527	29,719	29,908	30,094	30,277	30,457	30,633	
Baltimore County	35,002	35,283	35,531	35,819	36,104	36,386	36,665	36,940	37,213	37,482	37,747	
Charles	5,383	5,445	5,492	5,535	5,589	5,644	5,698	5,752	5,806	5,861	5,915	
Frederick	9,380	9,516	9,613	9,763	9,907	10,052	10,197	10,344	10,491	10,639	10,789	
Harford	7,514	7,590	7,651	7,750	7,835	7,920	8,005	8,090	8,176	8,261	8,347	
Howard	9,912	10,027	10,116	10,196	10,284	10,370	10,456	10,540	10,624	10,706	10,787	
Montgomery	41,172	41,486	41,780	42,171	42,578	42,984	43,389	43,792	44,195	44,595	44,995	
Prince George’s	49,565	49,982	50,319	50,643	51,056	51,465	51,870	52,270	52,667	53,060	53,450	

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.

### Maryland Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/22			12/24			12/26					
Anne Arundel	20,941	21,223	21,455	21,674	22,172	(4,434)	[1,064]	{532}	22,672	(4,534)	[1,088]	{544}	23,172	(4,634)	[1,112]	{556}
Baltimore City	28,853	29,020	29,156	29,331	29,719	(5,944)	[1,427]	{713}	30,094	(6,019)	[1,445]	{722}	30,457	(6,091)	[1,462]	{731}
Baltimore County	35,002	35,283	35,531	35,819	36,386	(7,277)	[1,747]	{873}	36,940	(7,388)	[1,773]	{887}	37,482	(7,496)	[1,799]	{900}
Charles	5,383	5,445	5,492	5,535	5,644	(1,129)	[271]	{135}	5,752	(1,150)	[276]	{138}	5,861	(1,172)	[281]	{141}
Frederick	9,380	9,516	9,613	9,763	10,052	(2,010)	[482]	{241}	10,344	(2,069)	[497]	{248}	10,639	(2,128)	[511]	{255}
Harford	7,514	7,590	7,651	7,750	7,920	(1,584)	[380]	{190}	8,090	(1,618)	[388]	{194}	8,261	(1,652)	[397]	{198}
Howard	9,912	10,027	10,116	10,196	10,370	(2,074)	[498]	{249}	10,540	(2,108)	[506]	{253}	10,706	(2,141)	[514]	{257}
Montgomery	41,172	41,486	41,780	42,171	42,984	(8,597)	[2,063]	{1,032}	43,792	(8,758)	[2,102]	{1,051}	44,595	(8,919)	[2,141]	{1,070}
Prince George's	49,565	49,982	50,319	50,643	51,465	(10,293)	[2,470]	{1,235}	52,270	(10,454)	[2,509]	{1,254}	53,060	(10,612)	[2,547]	{1,273}

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