

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 1/4/21 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.

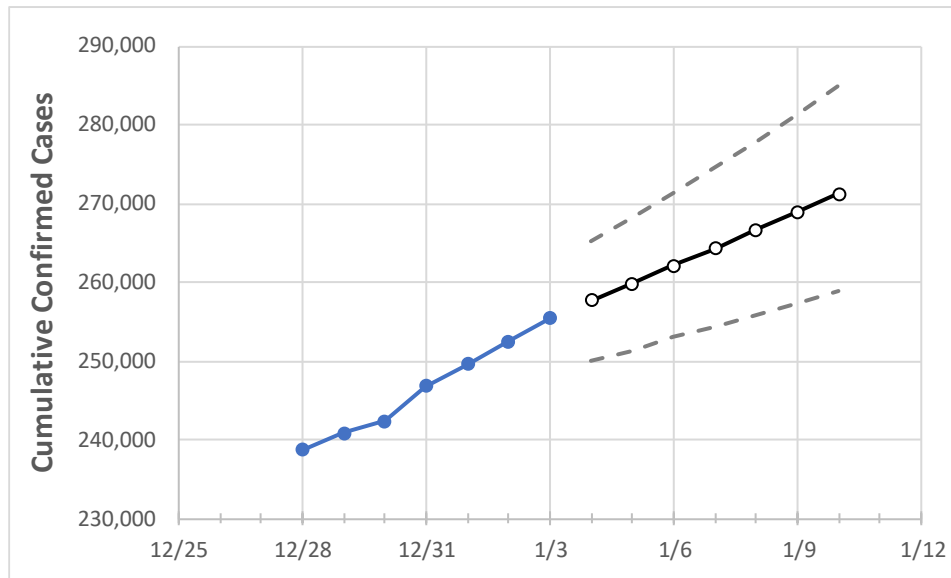
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	12/31	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9	1/10
Washington	246,752	249,633	252,515	255,396	257,628	259,854	262,079	264,324	266,653	268,998	271,253

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 10%, and are often within 5%, of actual confirmed cases.

Washington Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	12/31	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9	1/10
Benton	11,692	11,760	11,827	11,895	11,967	12,038	12,110	12,179	12,249	12,316	12,385
Clark	13,344	13,540	13,736	13,932	14,066	14,200	14,338	14,479	14,615	14,761	14,907
Grant	5,981	6,013	6,046	6,078	6,110	6,143	6,175	6,207	6,239	6,268	6,295
Island	924	930	936	942	947	953	958	963	968	973	978
King	62,580	63,475	64,370	65,265	65,872	66,494	67,130	67,791	68,465	69,140	69,831
Kitsap	3,887	3,926	3,965	4,004	4,041	4,078	4,115	4,154	4,192	4,230	4,269
Pierce	25,864	26,189	26,514	26,839	27,085	27,336	27,588	27,845	28,101	28,366	28,632
Skagit	3,299	3,321	3,343	3,365	3,390	3,413	3,436	3,458	3,482	3,504	3,528
Snohomish	22,393	22,635	22,878	23,120	23,346	23,572	23,798	24,022	24,254	24,484	24,718
Spokane	25,581	25,948	26,315	26,682	26,934	27,181	27,436	27,677	27,938	28,187	28,456
Thurston	4,766	4,825	4,885	4,944	4,995	5,047	5,099	5,150	5,202	5,254	5,309
Whatcom	3,478	3,535	3,592	3,649	3,692	3,735	3,778	3,824	3,870	3,918	3,967
Yakima	19,844	20,020	20,197	20,373	20,598	20,822	21,052	21,290	21,537	21,773	22,018

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:											
	12/31	1/1	1/2	1/3	1/5				1/7				1/9			
Benton	11,692	11,760	11,827	11,895	12,038	(2,408)	[578]	{289}	12,179	(2,436)	[585]	{292}	12,316	(2,463)	[591]	{296}
Clark	13,344	13,540	13,736	13,932	14,200	(2,840)	[682]	{341}	14,479	(2,896)	[695]	{347}	14,761	(2,952)	[709]	{354}
Grant	5,981	6,013	6,046	6,078	6,143	(1,229)	[295]	{147}	6,207	(1,241)	[298]	{149}	6,268	(1,254)	[301]	{150}
Island	924	930	936	942	953	(191)	[46]	{23}	963	(193)	[46]	{23}	973	(195)	[47]	{23}
King	62,580	63,475	64,370	65,265	66,494	(13,299)	[3,192]	{1,596}	67,791	(13,558)	[3,254]	{1,627}	69,140	(13,828)	[3,319]	{1,659}
Kitsap	3,887	3,926	3,965	4,004	4,078	(816)	[196]	{98}	4,154	(831)	[199]	{100}	4,230	(846)	[203]	{102}
Pierce	25,864	26,189	26,514	26,839	27,336	(5,467)	[1,312]	{656}	27,845	(5,569)	[1,337]	{668}	28,366	(5,673)	[1,362]	{681}
Skagit	3,299	3,321	3,343	3,365	3,413	(683)	[164]	{82}	3,458	(692)	[166]	{83}	3,504	(701)	[168]	{84}
Snohomish	22,393	22,635	22,878	23,120	23,572	(4,714)	[1,131]	{566}	24,022	(4,804)	[1,153]	{577}	24,484	(4,897)	[1,175]	{588}
Spokane	25,581	25,948	26,315	26,682	27,181	(5,436)	[1,305]	{652}	27,677	(5,535)	[1,329]	{664}	28,187	(5,637)	[1,353]	{676}
Thurston	4,766	4,825	4,885	4,944	5,047	(1,009)	[242]	{121}	5,150	(1,030)	[247]	{124}	5,254	(1,051)	[252]	{126}
Whatcom	3,478	3,535	3,592	3,649	3,735	(747)	[179]	{90}	3,824	(765)	[184]	{92}	3,918	(784)	[188]	{94}
Yakima	19,844	20,020	20,197	20,373	20,822	(4,164)	[999]	{500}	21,290	(4,258)	[1,022]	{511}	21,773	(4,355)	[1,045]	{523}

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