

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 1/7/21 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.

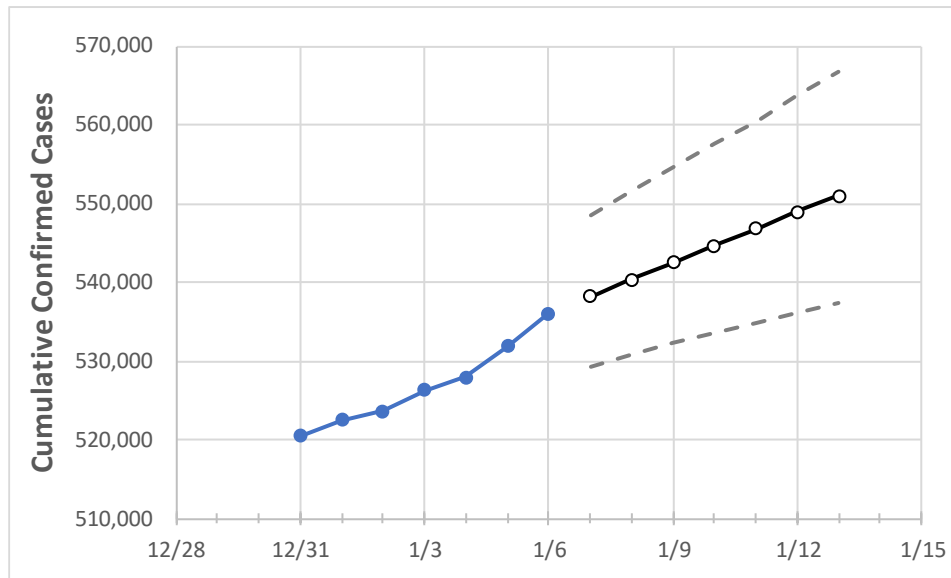
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Wisconsin State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9	1/10	1/11	1/12	1/13
Wisconsin	526,245	527,871	531,890	535,999	538,160	540,305	542,452	544,602	546,744	548,893	551,017

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.

Wisconsin Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9	1/10	1/11	1/12	1/13
Dane	35,000	35,207	35,342	35,565	35,719	35,873	36,022	36,178	36,327	36,476	36,625
Milwaukee	92,733	92,861	93,509	94,284	94,643	94,992	95,339	95,689	96,039	96,380	96,711
Ozaukee	7,167	7,175	7,240	7,314	7,349	7,382	7,416	7,449	7,481	7,512	7,543
Washington	13,290	13,312	13,421	13,582	13,649	13,710	13,774	13,837	13,896	13,956	14,021
Waukesha	37,389	37,600	38,233	38,572	38,760	38,947	39,138	39,322	39,499	39,682	39,858

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.

Wisconsin Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/8				1/10				1/12			
Dane	35,000	35,207	35,342	35,565	35,873	(7,175)	[1,722]	{861}	36,178	(7,236)	[1,737]	{868}	36,476	(7,295)	[1,751]	{875}
Milwaukee	92,733	92,861	93,509	94,284	94,992	(18,998)	[4,560]	{2,280}	95,689	(19,138)	[4,593]	{2,297}	96,380	(19,276)	[4,626]	{2,313}
Ozaukee	7,167	7,175	7,240	7,314	7,382	(1,476)	[354]	{177}	7,449	(1,490)	[358]	{179}	7,512	(1,502)	[361]	{180}
Washington	13,290	13,312	13,421	13,582	13,710	(2,742)	[658]	{329}	13,837	(2,767)	[664]	{332}	13,956	(2,791)	[670]	{335}
Waukesha	37,389	37,600	38,233	38,572	38,947	(7,789)	[1,869]	{935}	39,322	(7,864)	[1,887]	{944}	39,682	(7,936)	[1,905]	{952}

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