

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 1/21/21 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.

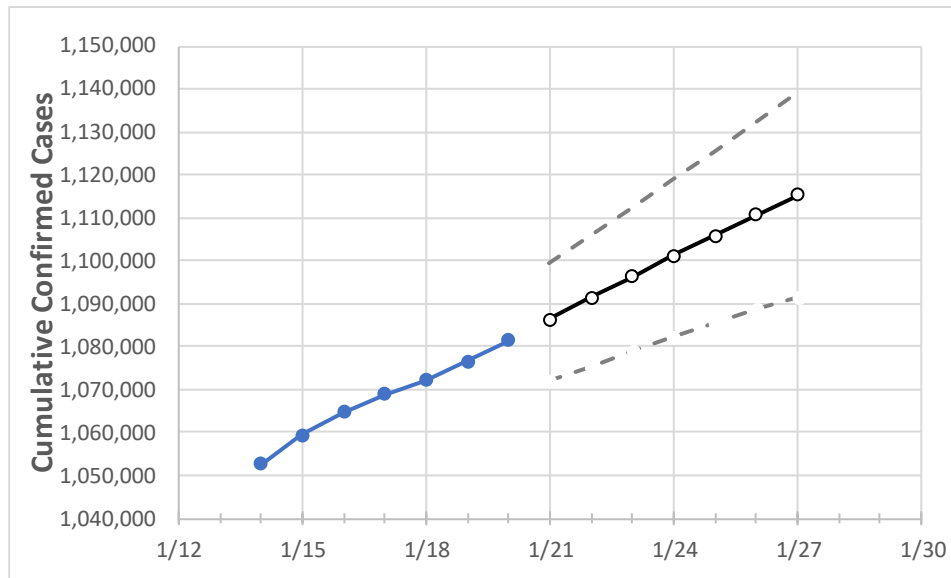
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Illinois State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	1/17	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27
Illinois	1,068,829	1,072,214	1,076,532	1,081,354	1,086,427	1,091,413	1,096,263	1,101,155	1,105,934	1,110,689	1,115,312

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.

Illinois Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	1/17	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	
Cook	433,089	434,341	435,888	437,465	439,399	441,307	443,259	445,113	446,962	448,739	450,507	
DuPage	68,737	68,970	69,285	69,579	69,928	70,274	70,615	70,950	71,283	71,600	71,915	
Kane	45,704	45,873	46,063	46,288	46,499	46,717	46,924	47,132	47,337	47,537	47,740	
Lake	53,068	53,227	53,439	53,688	53,951	54,211	54,472	54,730	54,989	55,242	55,492	
McHenry	21,498	21,591	21,712	21,807	21,936	22,064	22,187	22,313	22,436	22,562	22,683	
Will	57,945	58,209	58,408	58,681	58,952	59,208	59,469	59,718	59,966	60,209	60,446	

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.

Illinois Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	1/17	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/22				1/24				1/26			
Cook	433,089	434,341	435,888	437,465	441,307	(88,261)	[21,183]	{10,591}	445,113	(89,023)	[21,365]	{10,683}	448,739	(89,748)	[21,539]	{10,770}
DuPage	68,737	68,970	69,285	69,579	70,274	(14,055)	[3,373]	{1,687}	70,950	(14,190)	[3,406]	{1,703}	71,600	(14,320)	[3,437]	{1,718}
Kane	45,704	45,873	46,063	46,288	46,717	(9,343)	[2,242]	{1,121}	47,132	(9,426)	[2,262]	{1,131}	47,537	(9,507)	[2,282]	{1,141}
Lake	53,068	53,227	53,439	53,688	54,211	(10,842)	[2,602]	{1,301}	54,730	(10,946)	[2,627]	{1,314}	55,242	(11,048)	[2,652]	{1,326}
McHenry	21,498	21,591	21,712	21,807	22,064	(4,413)	[1,059]	{530}	22,313	(4,463)	[1,071]	{536}	22,562	(4,512)	[1,083]	{541}
Will	57,945	58,209	58,408	58,681	59,208	(11,842)	[2,842]	{1,421}	59,718	(11,944)	[2,866]	{1,433}	60,209	(12,042)	[2,890]	{1,445}

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