

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 1/22/21**

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 1/22/21 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.

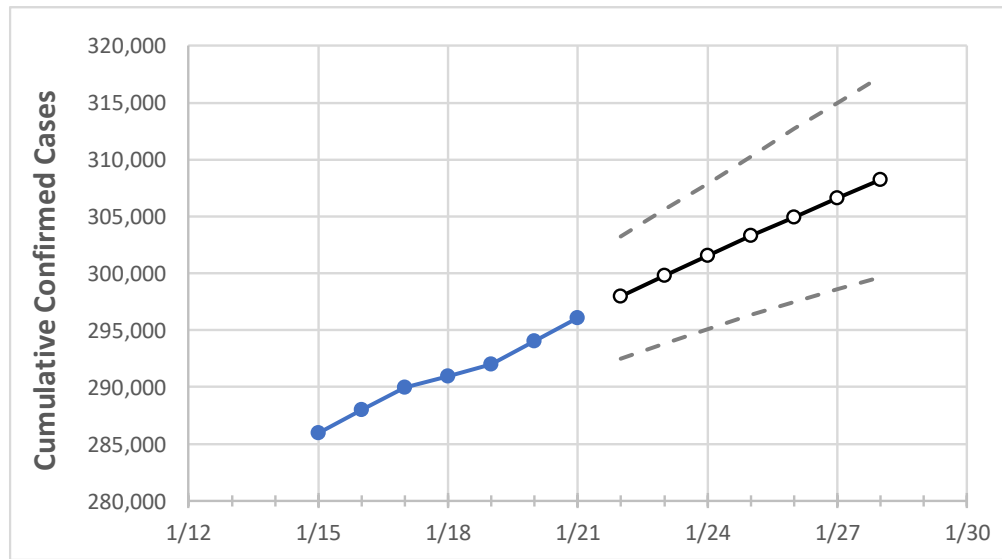
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28
Washington	290,964	291,989	294,017	296,087	297,956	299,774	301,548	303,282	304,948	306,602	308,221

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:						
	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28
Benton	13,497	13,529	13,591	13,706	13,786	13,864	13,944	14,019	14,095	14,168	14,239
Clark	16,213	16,300	16,485	16,506	16,613	16,723	16,827	16,932	17,035	17,136	17,240
Grant	6,749	6,773	6,822	6,865	6,908	6,951	6,993	7,037	7,080	7,122	7,165
Island	1,091	1,095	1,107	1,122	1,130	1,138	1,146	1,154	1,163	1,171	1,179
King	73,341	73,667	74,077	74,500	74,904	75,296	75,682	76,046	76,408	76,758	77,105
Kitsap	4,725	4,748	4,801	4,846	4,889	4,931	4,974	5,014	5,055	5,097	5,137
Pierce	31,038	31,164	31,474	31,781	32,038	32,297	32,558	32,813	33,068	33,329	33,582
Skagit	3,807	3,812	3,837	3,875	3,906	3,936	3,968	4,000	4,032	4,062	4,093
Snohomish	26,315	26,363	26,498	26,625	26,766	26,907	27,039	27,169	27,299	27,428	27,551
Spokane	30,894	31,031	31,175	31,417	31,629	31,847	32,055	32,260	32,456	32,661	32,853
Thurston	5,783	5,805	5,863	5,959	6,013	6,071	6,124	6,178	6,235	6,287	6,343
Whatcom	4,890	4,894	4,954	5,027	5,115	5,200	5,289	5,380	5,473	5,566	5,659
Yakima	23,067	23,145	23,251	23,407	23,535	23,661	23,786	23,907	24,023	24,137	24,245

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:											
	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/23				1/25				1/27			
Benton	13,497	13,529	13,591	13,706	13,864	(2,773)	[665]	{333}	14,019	(2,804)	[673]	{336}	14,168	(2,834)	[680]	{340}
Clark	16,213	16,300	16,485	16,506	16,723	(3,345)	[803]	{401}	16,932	(3,386)	[813]	{406}	17,136	(3,427)	[823]	{411}
Grant	6,749	6,773	6,822	6,865	6,951	(1,390)	[334]	{167}	7,037	(1,407)	[338]	{169}	7,122	(1,424)	[342]	{171}
Island	1,091	1,095	1,107	1,122	1,138	(228)	[55]	{27}	1,154	(231)	[55]	{28}	1,171	(234)	[56]	{28}
King	73,341	73,667	74,077	74,500	75,296	(15,059)	[3,614]	{1,807}	76,046	(15,209)	[3,650]	{1,825}	76,758	(15,352)	[3,684]	{1,842}
Kitsap	4,725	4,748	4,801	4,846	4,931	(986)	[237]	{118}	5,014	(1,003)	[241]	{120}	5,097	(1,019)	[245]	{122}
Pierce	31,038	31,164	31,474	31,781	32,297	(6,459)	[1,550]	{775}	32,813	(6,563)	[1,575]	{788}	33,329	(6,666)	[1,600]	{800}
Skagit	3,807	3,812	3,837	3,875	3,936	(787)	[189]	{94}	4,000	(800)	[192]	{96}	4,062	(812)	[195]	{97}
Snohomish	26,315	26,363	26,498	26,625	26,907	(5,381)	[1,292]	{646}	27,169	(5,434)	[1,304]	{652}	27,428	(5,486)	[1,317]	{658}
Spokane	30,894	31,031	31,175	31,417	31,847	(6,369)	[1,529]	{764}	32,260	(6,452)	[1,548]	{774}	32,661	(6,532)	[1,568]	{784}
Thurston	5,783	5,805	5,863	5,959	6,071	(1,214)	[291]	{146}	6,178	(1,236)	[297]	{148}	6,287	(1,257)	[302]	{151}
Whatcom	4,890	4,894	4,954	5,027	5,200	(1,040)	[250]	{125}	5,380	(1,076)	[258]	{129}	5,566	(1,113)	[267]	{134}
Yakima	23,067	23,145	23,251	23,407	23,661	(4,732)	[1,136]	{568}	23,907	(4,781)	[1,148]	{574}	24,137	(4,827)	[1,159]	{579}

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