

**IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections****Date: 1/27/21**

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 1/27/21 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.**

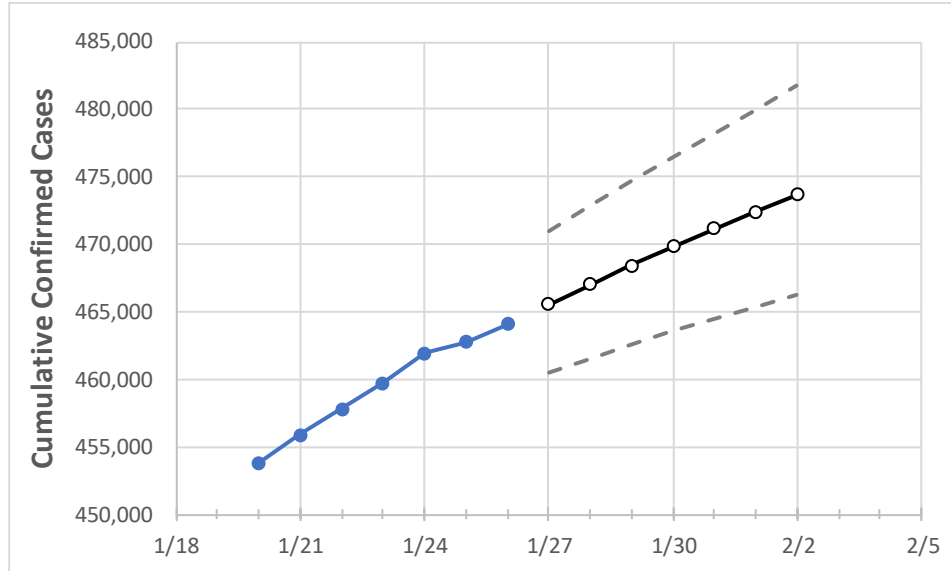
**IEM's Modeling Lead**

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.

## Missouri State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29	1/30	1/31	2/1	2/2
Missouri	459,748	461,912	462,759	464,100	465,580	467,055	468,472	469,820	471,147	472,450	473,699

*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.*

## Missouri Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29	1/30	1/31	2/1	2/2
Boone	14,968	15,026	15,037	15,062	15,106	15,150	15,191	15,232	15,273	15,315	15,353
City of St. Louis	17,852	17,987	18,015	18,063	18,113	18,161	18,211	18,261	18,312	18,363	18,414
Greene	21,801	21,871	21,921	21,973	22,040	22,105	22,170	22,234	22,293	22,355	22,411
Jackson (& KC)	61,726	62,327	62,442	62,639	62,891	63,135	63,378	63,615	63,858	64,093	64,326
St. Charles	30,916	31,019	31,084	31,147	31,243	31,334	31,423	31,509	31,591	31,674	31,756
St. Louis	80,771	81,147	81,279	81,758	82,123	82,475	82,818	83,170	83,502	83,824	84,153

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.

#### Missouri Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/28				1/30				2/1			
Boone	14,968	15,026	15,037	15,062	15,150	(3,030)	[727]	{364}	15,232	(3,046)	[731]	{366}	15,315	(3,063)	[735]	{368}
City of St. Louis	17,852	17,987	18,015	18,063	18,161	(3,632)	[872]	{436}	18,261	(3,652)	[877]	{438}	18,363	(3,673)	[881]	{441}
Greene	21,801	21,871	21,921	21,973	22,105	(4,421)	[1,061]	{531}	22,234	(4,447)	[1,067]	{534}	22,355	(4,471)	[1,073]	{537}
Jackson (& KC)	61,726	62,327	62,442	62,639	63,135	(12,627)	[3,030]	{1,515}	63,615	(12,723)	[3,054]	{1,527}	64,093	(12,819)	[3,076]	{1,538}
St. Charles	30,916	31,019	31,084	31,147	31,334	(6,267)	[1,504]	{752}	31,509	(6,302)	[1,512]	{756}	31,674	(6,335)	[1,520]	{760}
St. Louis	80,771	81,147	81,279	81,758	82,475	(16,495)	[3,959]	{1,979}	83,170	(16,634)	[3,992]	{1,996}	83,824	(16,765)	[4,024]	{2,012}

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