

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 1/28/21 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.

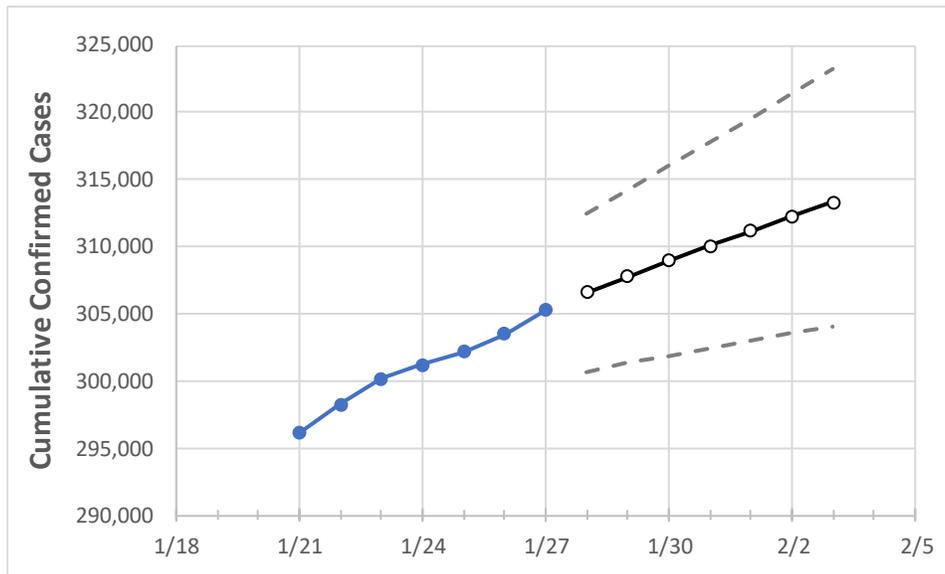
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29	1/30	1/31	2/1	2/2	2/3
Washington	301,170	302,141	303,482	305,289	306,565	307,787	308,950	310,073	311,195	312,268	313,282

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:						
	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29	1/30	1/31	2/1	2/2	2/3
Benton	13,936	13,984	14,031	14,090	14,140	14,189	14,237	14,284	14,328	14,367	14,408
Clark	16,851	16,915	17,009	17,106	17,192	17,279	17,367	17,449	17,534	17,614	17,696
Grant	6,953	6,975	6,995	7,028	7,053	7,077	7,101	7,122	7,143	7,164	7,183
Island	1,146	1,151	1,158	1,162	1,168	1,175	1,181	1,188	1,194	1,200	1,206
King	75,668	75,903	76,146	76,559	76,842	77,116	77,382	77,630	77,872	78,111	78,339
Kitsap	4,948	4,971	4,994	5,018	5,043	5,067	5,090	5,112	5,134	5,155	5,174
Pierce	32,502	32,698	32,936	33,192	33,385	33,573	33,763	33,954	34,136	34,319	34,492
Skagit	3,958	3,971	3,984	4,012	4,029	4,045	4,062	4,077	4,091	4,104	4,117
Snohomish	26,997	27,069	27,163	27,316	27,403	27,484	27,560	27,632	27,702	27,769	27,829
Spokane	31,989	32,047	32,215	32,436	32,561	32,687	32,807	32,925	33,030	33,133	33,232
Thurston	6,090	6,121	6,159	6,214	6,254	6,293	6,332	6,372	6,409	6,449	6,487
Whatcom	5,225	5,246	5,269	5,345	5,386	5,423	5,461	5,495	5,528	5,564	5,597
Yakima	23,744	23,797	23,893	23,990	24,070	24,143	24,217	24,288	24,354	24,415	24,475

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:											
	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/29				1/31				2/2			
Benton	13,936	13,984	14,031	14,090	14,189	(2,838)	[681]	{341}	14,284	(2,857)	[686]	{343}	14,367	(2,873)	[690]	{345}
Clark	16,851	16,915	17,009	17,106	17,279	(3,456)	[829]	{415}	17,449	(3,490)	[838]	{419}	17,614	(3,523)	[845]	{423}
Grant	6,953	6,975	6,995	7,028	7,077	(1,415)	[340]	{170}	7,122	(1,424)	[342]	{171}	7,164	(1,433)	[344]	{172}
Island	1,146	1,151	1,158	1,162	1,175	(235)	[56]	{28}	1,188	(238)	[57]	{29}	1,200	(240)	[58]	{29}
King	75,668	75,903	76,146	76,559	77,116	(15,423)	[3,702]	{1,851}	77,630	(15,526)	[3,726]	{1,863}	78,111	(15,622)	[3,749]	{1,875}
Kitsap	4,948	4,971	4,994	5,018	5,067	(1,013)	[243]	{122}	5,112	(1,022)	[245]	{123}	5,155	(1,031)	[247]	{124}
Pierce	32,502	32,698	32,936	33,192	33,573	(6,715)	[1,612]	{806}	33,954	(6,791)	[1,630]	{815}	34,319	(6,864)	[1,647]	{824}
Skagit	3,958	3,971	3,984	4,012	4,045	(809)	[194]	{97}	4,077	(815)	[196]	{98}	4,104	(821)	[197]	{98}
Snohomish	26,997	27,069	27,163	27,316	27,484	(5,497)	[1,319]	{660}	27,632	(5,526)	[1,326]	{663}	27,769	(5,554)	[1,333]	{666}
Spokane	31,989	32,047	32,215	32,436	32,687	(6,537)	[1,569]	{784}	32,925	(6,585)	[1,580]	{790}	33,133	(6,627)	[1,590]	{795}
Thurston	6,090	6,121	6,159	6,214	6,293	(1,259)	[302]	{151}	6,372	(1,274)	[306]	{153}	6,449	(1,290)	[310]	{155}
Whatcom	5,225	5,246	5,269	5,345	5,423	(1,085)	[260]	{130}	5,495	(1,099)	[264]	{132}	5,564	(1,113)	[267]	{134}
Yakima	23,744	23,797	23,893	23,990	24,143	(4,829)	[1,159]	{579}	24,288	(4,858)	[1,166]	{583}	24,415	(4,883)	[1,172]	{586}

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