

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 2/5/21 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.

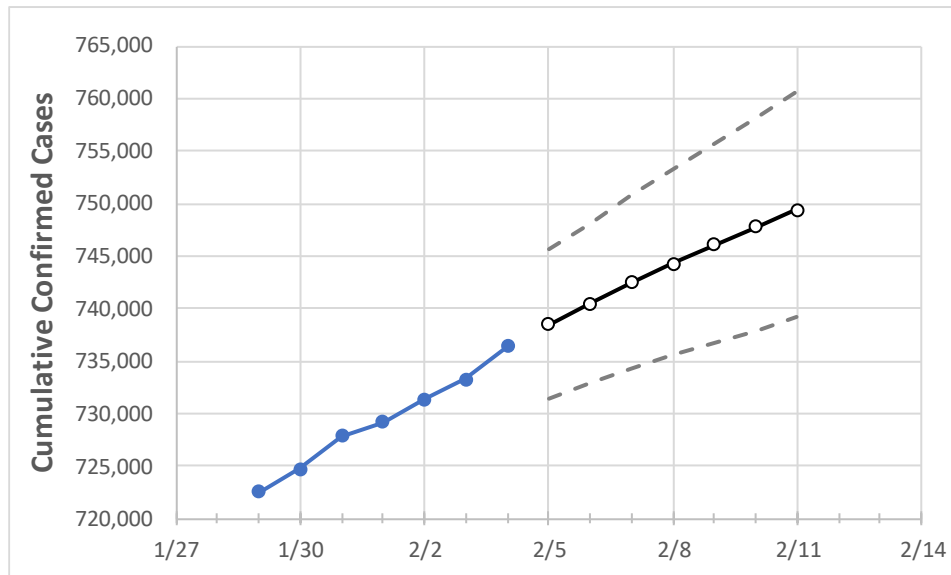
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Tennessee State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11
Tennessee	729,187	731,360	733,216	736,370	738,459	740,452	742,462	744,240	746,080	747,801	749,404

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.

Tennessee Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11
Blount	12,668	12,701	12,756	12,827	12,861	12,895	12,927	12,958	12,989	13,018	13,046
Davidson	75,072	75,210	75,423	75,675	75,874	76,067	76,254	76,428	76,595	76,763	76,919
Hamilton	37,122	37,296	37,462	37,705	37,841	37,969	38,095	38,220	38,332	38,448	38,554
Knox	41,544	41,732	41,888	42,119	42,266	42,408	42,546	42,679	42,807	42,935	43,060
Rutherford	35,188	35,299	35,394	35,561	35,667	35,773	35,875	35,970	36,063	36,153	36,244
Shelby	81,138	81,360	81,572	81,961	82,220	82,471	82,712	82,944	83,168	83,391	83,610
Sumner	19,339	19,414	19,478	19,575	19,634	19,693	19,749	19,804	19,858	19,913	19,964
Williamson	23,070	23,162	23,250	23,399	23,496	23,590	23,681	23,772	23,859	23,945	24,033

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.

Tennessee Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/6				2/8				2/10			
Blount	12,668	12,701	12,756	12,827	12,895	(2,579)	[619]	{309}	12,958	(2,592)	[622]	{311}	13,018	(2,604)	[625]	{312}
Davidson	75,072	75,210	75,423	75,675	76,067	(15,213)	[3,651]	{1,826}	76,428	(15,286)	[3,669]	{1,834}	76,763	(15,353)	[3,685]	{1,842}
Hamilton	37,122	37,296	37,462	37,705	37,969	(7,594)	[1,823]	{911}	38,220	(7,644)	[1,835]	{917}	38,448	(7,690)	[1,845]	{923}
Knox	41,544	41,732	41,888	42,119	42,408	(8,482)	[2,036]	{1,018}	42,679	(8,536)	[2,049]	{1,024}	42,935	(8,587)	[2,061]	{1,030}
Rutherford	35,188	35,299	35,394	35,561	35,773	(7,155)	[1,717]	{859}	35,970	(7,194)	[1,727]	{863}	36,153	(7,231)	[1,735]	{868}
Shelby	81,138	81,360	81,572	81,961	82,471	(16,494)	[3,959]	{1,979}	82,944	(16,589)	[3,981]	{1,991}	83,391	(16,678)	[4,003]	{2,001}
Sumner	19,339	19,414	19,478	19,575	19,693	(3,939)	[945]	{473}	19,804	(3,961)	[951]	{475}	19,913	(3,983)	[956]	{478}
Williamson	23,070	23,162	23,250	23,399	23,590	(4,718)	[1,132]	{566}	23,772	(4,754)	[1,141]	{571}	23,945	(4,789)	[1,149]	{575}

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