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 2/9/21 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.

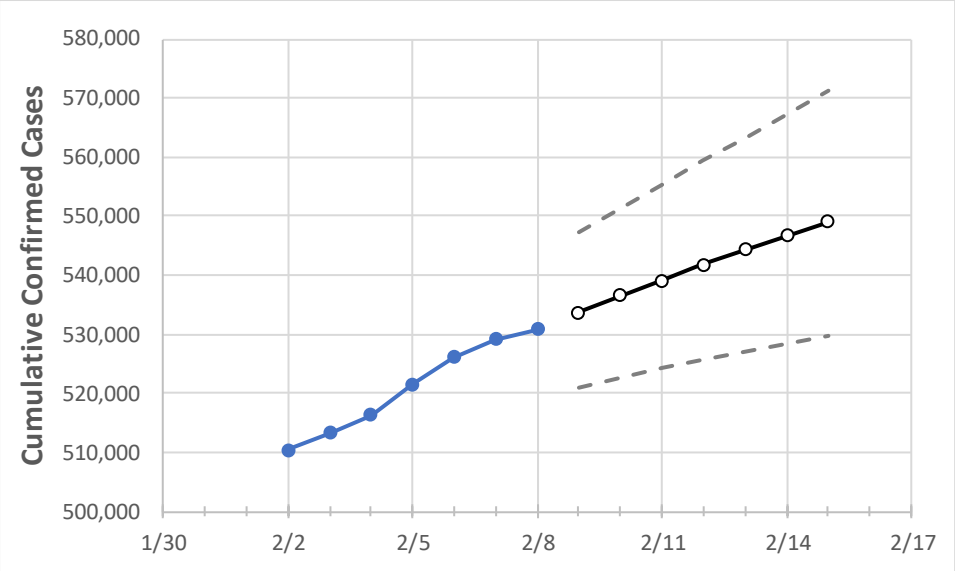
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Virginia State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15
Virginia	521,467	526,176	529,125	530,825	533,730	536,506	539,158	541,750	544,268	546,727	549,044

Note: The Commonwealth'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.

Virginia Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15
Alexandria City	9,702	9,732	9,744	9,778	9,809	9,838	9,868	9,896	9,923	9,949	9,975
Arlington	12,150	12,221	12,262	12,306	12,369	12,431	12,490	12,550	12,608	12,668	12,725
Fairfax	62,179	62,412	62,502	62,730	62,953	63,170	63,379	63,570	63,765	63,953	64,140
Henrico	19,210	19,406	19,546	19,627	19,761	19,895	20,019	20,144	20,263	20,383	20,502
James City	3,572	3,573	3,602	3,626	3,642	3,656	3,670	3,683	3,694	3,705	3,714
Loudoun	21,492	21,552	21,564	21,723	21,849	21,968	22,086	22,193	22,299	22,395	22,490
Prince William	41,306	41,494	41,585	41,858	42,026	42,186	42,346	42,500	42,638	42,782	42,912
Virginia Beach City	27,272	27,545	27,762	27,866	28,059	28,242	28,430	28,607	28,789	28,954	29,128

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.*

Virginia Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:		
	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/10	2/12	2/14
Alexandria City	9,702	9,732	9,744	9,778	9,838 (1,968) [472] {236}	9,896 (1,979) [475] {237}	9,949 (1,990) [478] {239}
Arlington	12,150	12,221	12,262	12,306	12,431 (2,486) [597] {298}	12,550 (2,510) [602] {301}	12,668 (2,534) [608] {304}
Fairfax	62,179	62,412	62,502	62,730	63,170 (12,634) [3,032] {1,516}	63,570 (12,714) [3,051] {1,526}	63,953 (12,791) [3,070] {1,535}
Henrico	19,210	19,406	19,546	19,627	19,895 (3,979) [955] {477}	20,144 (4,029) [967] {483}	20,383 (4,077) [978] {489}
James City	3,572	3,573	3,602	3,626	3,656 (731) [176] {88}	3,683 (737) [177] {88}	3,705 (741) [178] {89}
Loudoun	21,492	21,552	21,564	21,723	21,968 (4,394) [1,054] {527}	22,193 (4,439) [1,065] {533}	22,395 (4,479) [1,075] {537}
Prince William	41,306	41,494	41,585	41,858	42,186 (8,437) [2,025] {1,012}	42,500 (8,500) [2,040] {1,020}	42,782 (8,556) [2,054] {1,027}
Virginia Beach City	27,272	27,545	27,762	27,866	28,242 (5,648) [1,356] {678}	28,607 (5,721) [1,373] {687}	28,954 (5,791) [1,390] {695}

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