

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 2/12/21**

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 2/12/21 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.

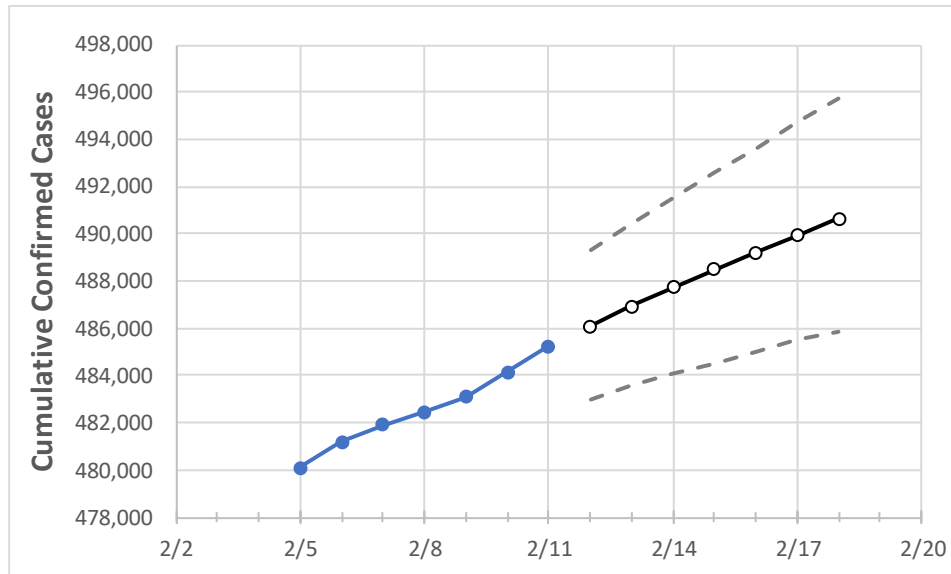
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18
Missouri	482,446	483,099	484,167	485,252	486,106	486,931	487,724	488,481	489,223	489,935	490,633

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:						
	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18
Boone	15,593	15,599	15,623	15,646	15,670	15,693	15,715	15,737	15,758	15,779	15,799
City of St. Louis	20,735	20,765	20,803	20,840	20,885	20,927	20,971	21,014	21,055	21,094	21,133
Greene	22,783	22,845	22,885	22,948	22,994	23,039	23,082	23,126	23,167	23,207	23,248
Jackson (& KC)	65,132	65,280	65,405	65,502	65,605	65,703	65,795	65,880	65,962	66,040	66,110
St. Charles	31,977	32,011	32,140	32,242	32,297	32,351	32,403	32,455	32,505	32,555	32,604
St. Louis	85,265	85,342	85,740	85,990	86,172	86,344	86,504	86,659	86,810	86,958	87,095

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:											
	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/13				2/15				2/17			
Boone	15,593	15,599	15,623	15,646	15,693	(3,139)	[753]	{377}	15,737	(3,147)	[755]	{378}	15,779	(3,156)	[757]	{379}
City of St. Louis	20,735	20,765	20,803	20,840	20,927	(4,185)	[1,004]	{502}	21,014	(4,203)	[1,009]	{504}	21,094	(4,219)	[1,013]	{506}
Greene	22,783	22,845	22,885	22,948	23,039	(4,608)	[1,106]	{553}	23,126	(4,625)	[1,110]	{555}	23,207	(4,641)	[1,114]	{557}
Jackson (& KC)	65,132	65,280	65,405	65,502	65,703	(13,141)	[3,154]	{1,577}	65,880	(13,176)	[3,162]	{1,581}	66,040	(13,208)	[3,170]	{1,585}
St. Charles	31,977	32,011	32,140	32,242	32,351	(6,470)	[1,553]	{776}	32,455	(6,491)	[1,558]	{779}	32,555	(6,511)	[1,563]	{781}
St. Louis	85,265	85,342	85,740	85,990	86,344	(17,269)	[4,145]	{2,072}	86,659	(17,332)	[4,160]	{2,080}	86,958	(17,392)	[4,174]	{2,087}

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