

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 2/16/21 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.

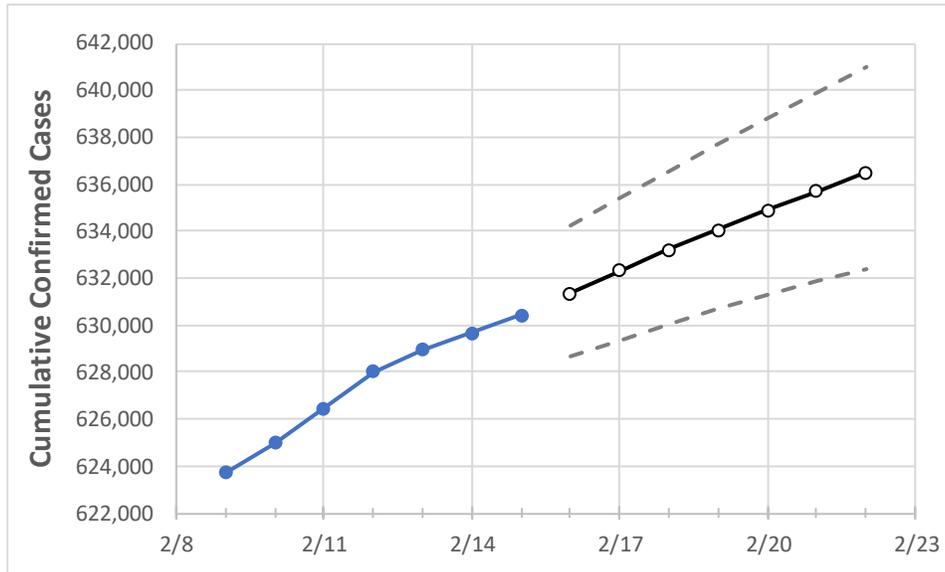
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Michigan State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:						Projected Cases For:					
	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21	2/22	
Michigan	628,012	628,956	629,682	630,408	631,369	632,306	633,196	634,070	634,905	635,711	636,501	

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.

Michigan Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:					Projected Cases For:					
	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21	2/22
Genesee	24,863	24,899	24,920	24,941	24,969	24,996	25,022	25,047	25,072	25,095	25,117
Ingham	15,808	15,846	15,865	15,883	15,928	15,972	16,016	16,058	16,101	16,140	16,180
Kent	50,515	50,599	50,665	50,730	50,806	50,883	50,956	51,025	51,093	51,160	51,226
Livingston	9,970	9,986	10,002	10,017	10,036	10,055	10,073	10,090	10,107	10,123	10,139
Macomb	57,321	57,395	57,446	57,496	57,571	57,645	57,718	57,785	57,852	57,917	57,977
Monroe	9,479	9,490	9,503	9,516	9,531	9,546	9,560	9,573	9,587	9,599	9,611
Oakland	72,750	72,810	72,899	72,987	73,107	73,224	73,339	73,451	73,553	73,655	73,752
Washtenaw	17,808	17,889	17,936	17,982	18,054	18,125	18,202	18,273	18,344	18,415	18,483
Wayne	99,157	99,289	99,402	99,515	99,650	99,784	99,910	100,036	100,155	100,269	100,380

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.

Michigan Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/17				2/19				2/21			
Genesee	24,863	24,899	24,920	24,941	24,996	(4,999)	[1,200]	{600}	25,047	(5,009)	[1,202]	{601}	25,095	(5,019)	[1,205]	{602}
Ingham	15,808	15,846	15,865	15,883	15,972	(3,194)	[767]	{383}	16,058	(3,212)	[771]	{385}	16,140	(3,228)	[775]	{387}
Kent	50,515	50,599	50,665	50,730	50,883	(10,177)	[2,442]	{1,221}	51,025	(10,205)	[2,449]	{1,225}	51,160	(10,232)	[2,456]	{1,228}
Livingston	9,970	9,986	10,002	10,017	10,055	(2,011)	[483]	{241}	10,090	(2,018)	[484]	{242}	10,123	(2,025)	[486]	{243}
Macomb	57,321	57,395	57,446	57,496	57,645	(11,529)	[2,767]	{1,383}	57,785	(11,557)	[2,774]	{1,387}	57,917	(11,583)	[2,780]	{1,390}
Monroe	9,479	9,490	9,503	9,516	9,546	(1,909)	[458]	{229}	9,573	(1,915)	[460]	{230}	9,599	(1,920)	[461]	{230}
Oakland	72,750	72,810	72,899	72,987	73,224	(14,645)	[3,515]	{1,757}	73,451	(14,690)	[3,526]	{1,763}	73,655	(14,731)	[3,535]	{1,768}
Washtenaw	17,808	17,889	17,936	17,982	18,125	(3,625)	[870]	{435}	18,273	(3,655)	[877]	{439}	18,415	(3,683)	[884]	{442}
Wayne	99,157	99,289	99,402	99,515	99,784	(19,957)	[4,790]	{2,395}	100,036	(20,007)	[4,802]	{2,401}	100,269	(20,054)	[4,813]	{2,406}

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