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 <u>not</u> 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 2/19/21 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
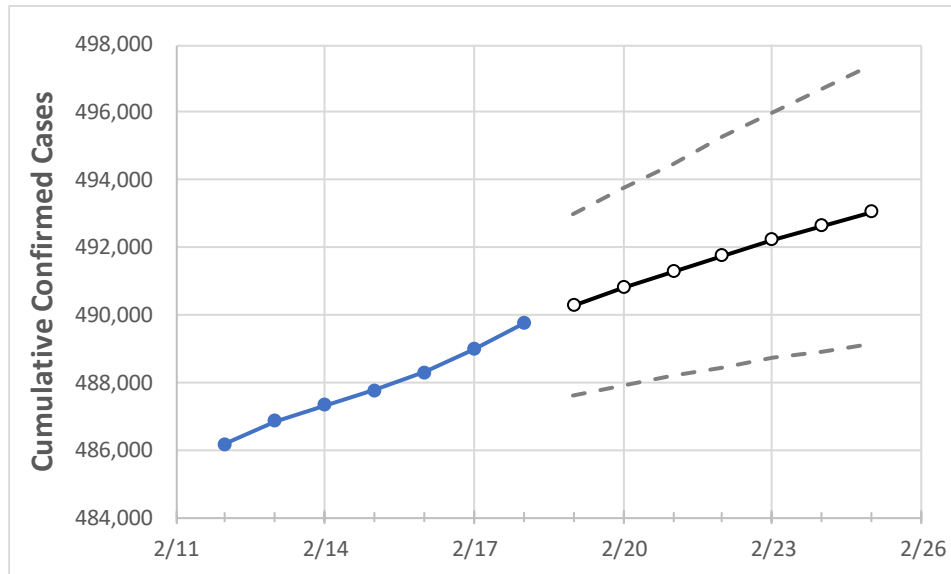
	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21	2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25
Missouri	487,775	488,301	488,981	489,763	490,294	490,800	491,293	491,766	492,222	492,657	493,056

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:						
	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21	2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25
Boone	15,716	15,721	15,745	15,763	15,776	15,789	15,801	15,812	15,823	15,833	15,844
City of St. Louis	20,995	21,047	21,090	21,131	21,167	21,201	21,234	21,266	21,299	21,332	21,361
Greene	23,057	23,084	23,108	23,138	23,167	23,193	23,219	23,244	23,267	23,289	23,311
Jackson (& KC)	65,812	65,871	66,007	66,177	66,256	66,331	66,404	66,474	66,546	66,613	66,679
St. Charles	32,493	32,540	32,574	32,621	32,673	32,724	32,776	32,827	32,877	32,927	32,976
St. Louis	86,575	86,694	86,846	86,981	87,104	87,217	87,325	87,430	87,532	87,626	87,717

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:		
	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/20	2/22	2/24
Boone	15,716	15,721	15,745	15,763	15,789 (3,158) [758] {379}	15,812 (3,162) [759] {379}	15,833 (3,167) [760] {380}
City of St. Louis	20,995	21,047	21,090	21,131	21,201 (4,240) [1,018] {509}	21,266 (4,253) [1,021] {510}	21,332 (4,266) [1,024] {512}
Greene	23,057	23,084	23,108	23,138	23,193 (4,639) [1,113] {557}	23,244 (4,649) [1,116] {558}	23,289 (4,658) [1,118] {559}
Jackson (& KC)	65,812	65,871	66,007	66,177	66,331 (13,266) [3,184] {1,592}	66,474 (13,295) [3,191] {1,595}	66,613 (13,323) [3,197] {1,599}
St. Charles	32,493	32,540	32,574	32,621	32,724 (6,545) [1,571] {785}	32,827 (6,565) [1,576] {788}	32,927 (6,585) [1,580] {790}
St. Louis	86,575	86,694	86,846	86,981	87,217 (17,443) [4,186] {2,093}	87,430 (17,486) [4,197] {2,098}	87,626 (17,525) [4,206] {2,103}

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