

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 2/25/21 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.

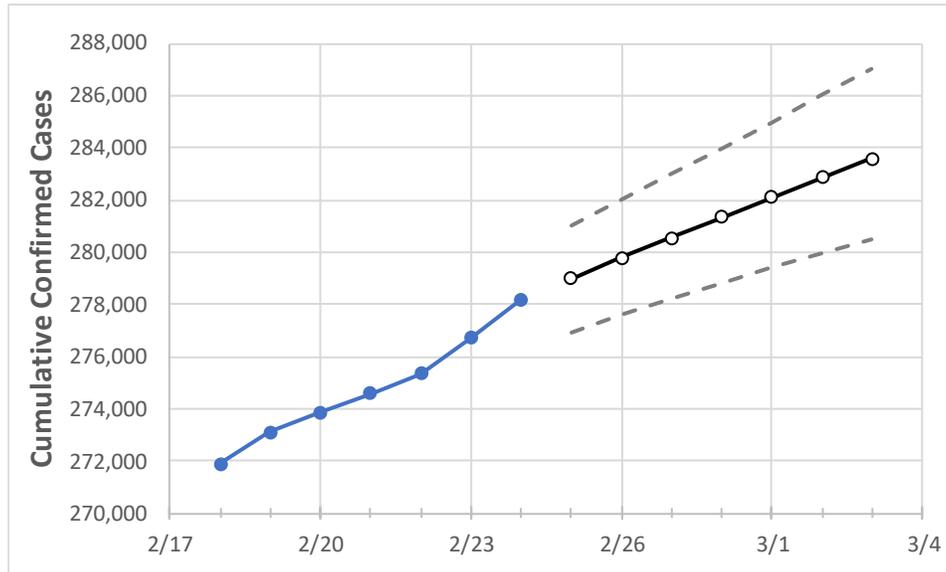
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Connecticut State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	2/21	2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27	2/28	3/1	3/2	3/3
Connecticut	274,590	275,334	276,691	278,184	278,985	279,782	280,553	281,331	282,085	282,848	283,588

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.

Connecticut Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	2/21	2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27	2/28	3/1	3/2	3/3
Fairfield	78,596	78,803	79,237	79,710	79,971	80,224	80,488	80,748	81,008	81,270	81,530
Hartford	68,894	69,078	69,407	69,674	69,836	69,993	70,149	70,301	70,446	70,591	70,731
Litchfield	10,890	10,917	10,975	11,055	11,091	11,128	11,165	11,202	11,238	11,275	11,312
Middlesex	10,179	10,212	10,259	10,293	10,323	10,352	10,383	10,412	10,440	10,467	10,494
New Haven	69,632	69,832	70,150	70,592	70,833	71,077	71,318	71,557	71,801	72,036	72,276
Tolland	7,653	7,673	7,705	7,749	7,772	7,794	7,815	7,836	7,857	7,877	7,897

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.

Connecticut Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	2/21	2/22	2/23	2/24	2/26				2/28				3/2			
Fairfield	78,596	78,803	79,237	79,710	80,224	(16,045)	[3,851]	{1,925}	80,748	(16,150)	[3,876]	{1,938}	81,270	(16,254)	[3,901]	{1,950}
Hartford	68,894	69,078	69,407	69,674	69,993	(13,999)	[3,360]	{1,680}	70,301	(14,060)	[3,374]	{1,687}	70,591	(14,118)	[3,388]	{1,694}
Litchfield	10,890	10,917	10,975	11,055	11,128	(2,226)	[534]	{267}	11,202	(2,240)	[538]	{269}	11,275	(2,255)	[541]	{271}
Middlesex	10,179	10,212	10,259	10,293	10,352	(2,070)	[497]	{248}	10,412	(2,082)	[500]	{250}	10,467	(2,093)	[502]	{251}
New Haven	69,632	69,832	70,150	70,592	71,077	(14,215)	[3,412]	{1,706}	71,557	(14,311)	[3,435]	{1,717}	72,036	(14,407)	[3,458]	{1,729}
Tolland	7,653	7,673	7,705	7,749	7,794	(1,559)	[374]	{187}	7,836	(1,567)	[376]	{188}	7,877	(1,575)	[378]	{189}

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