

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 3/17/21 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.

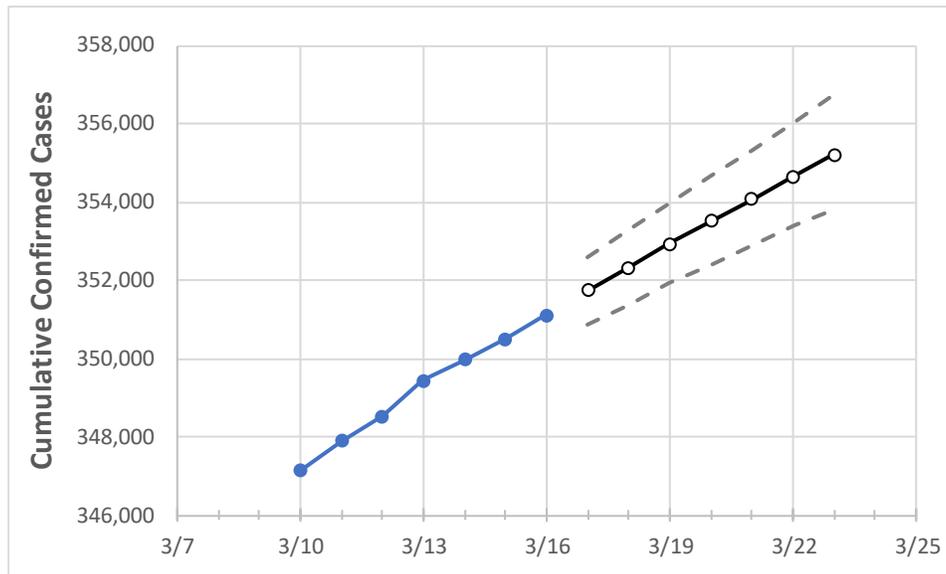
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Washington State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23
Washington	349,425	349,966	350,506	351,109	351,727	352,330	352,924	353,508	354,074	354,644	355,200

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.

Washington Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23
Benton	15,310	15,320	15,330	15,353	15,371	15,387	15,405	15,421	15,437	15,454	15,471
Clark	19,395	19,435	19,474	19,515	19,551	19,589	19,625	19,661	19,698	19,736	19,773
Grant	7,834	7,843	7,852	7,864	7,874	7,883	7,893	7,902	7,912	7,921	7,930
Island	1,416	1,419	1,422	1,429	1,437	1,445	1,454	1,462	1,472	1,481	1,491
King	86,234	86,387	86,540	86,655	86,810	86,964	87,122	87,272	87,429	87,585	87,739
Kitsap	5,990	6,008	6,026	6,048	6,067	6,085	6,104	6,124	6,143	6,162	6,181
Pierce	39,857	39,943	40,028	40,172	40,286	40,403	40,510	40,623	40,735	40,845	40,953
Skagit	4,601	4,607	4,613	4,621	4,631	4,640	4,650	4,659	4,668	4,677	4,686
Snohomish	30,883	30,928	30,972	31,013	31,053	31,091	31,128	31,164	31,200	31,233	31,266
Spokane	37,228	37,276	37,323	37,381	37,432	37,481	37,529	37,577	37,625	37,671	37,717
Thurston	7,460	7,469	7,478	7,496	7,511	7,525	7,540	7,553	7,567	7,580	7,593
Whatcom	7,137	7,154	7,171	7,193	7,215	7,237	7,258	7,278	7,298	7,317	7,335
Yakima	27,313	27,331	27,349	27,411	27,461	27,510	27,559	27,608	27,657	27,706	27,754

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.

Washington Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	3/13	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/18				3/20				3/22			
Benton	15,310	15,320	15,330	15,353	15,387	(3,077)	[739]	{369}	15,421	(3,084)	[740]	{370}	15,454	(3,091)	[742]	{371}
Clark	19,395	19,435	19,474	19,515	19,589	(3,918)	[940]	{470}	19,661	(3,932)	[944]	{472}	19,736	(3,947)	[947]	{474}
Grant	7,834	7,843	7,852	7,864	7,883	(1,577)	[378]	{189}	7,902	(1,580)	[379]	{190}	7,921	(1,584)	[380]	{190}
Island	1,416	1,419	1,422	1,429	1,445	(289)	[69]	{35}	1,462	(292)	[70]	{35}	1,481	(296)	[71]	{36}
King	86,234	86,387	86,540	86,655	86,964	(17,393)	[4,174]	{2,087}	87,272	(17,454)	[4,189]	{2,095}	87,585	(17,517)	[4,204]	{2,102}
Kitsap	5,990	6,008	6,026	6,048	6,085	(1,217)	[292]	{146}	6,124	(1,225)	[294]	{147}	6,162	(1,232)	[296]	{148}
Pierce	39,857	39,943	40,028	40,172	40,403	(8,081)	[1,939]	{970}	40,623	(8,125)	[1,950]	{975}	40,845	(8,169)	[1,961]	{980}
Skagit	4,601	4,607	4,613	4,621	4,640	(928)	[223]	{111}	4,659	(932)	[224]	{112}	4,677	(935)	[224]	{112}
Snohomish	30,883	30,928	30,972	31,013	31,091	(6,218)	[1,492]	{746}	31,164	(6,233)	[1,496]	{748}	31,233	(6,247)	[1,499]	{750}
Spokane	37,228	37,276	37,323	37,381	37,481	(7,496)	[1,799]	{900}	37,577	(7,515)	[1,804]	{902}	37,671	(7,534)	[1,808]	{904}
Thurston	7,460	7,469	7,478	7,496	7,525	(1,505)	[361]	{181}	7,553	(1,511)	[363]	{181}	7,580	(1,516)	[364]	{182}
Whatcom	7,137	7,154	7,171	7,193	7,237	(1,447)	[347]	{174}	7,278	(1,456)	[349]	{175}	7,317	(1,463)	[351]	{176}
Yakima	27,313	27,331	27,349	27,411	27,510	(5,502)	[1,320]	{660}	27,608	(5,522)	[1,325]	{663}	27,706	(5,541)	[1,330]	{665}

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