

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 4/1/21 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.

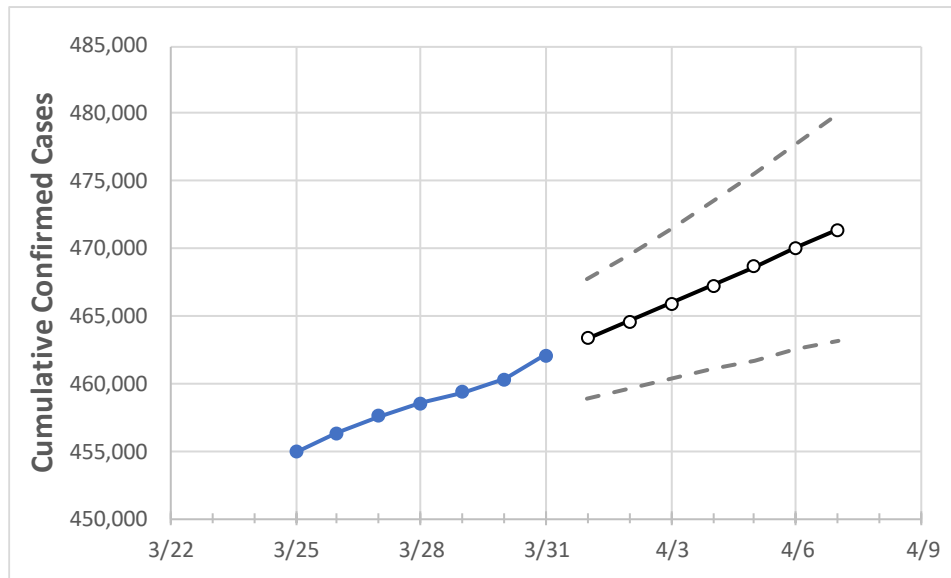
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Colorado State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7
Colorado	458,554	459,361	460,318	462,081	463,350	464,632	465,958	467,289	468,649	470,042	471,392

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.

Colorado Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7
Adams	51,126	51,185	51,255	51,362	51,457	51,553	51,648	51,743	51,842	51,938	52,034
Arapahoe	51,603	51,685	51,762	51,970	52,098	52,230	52,363	52,497	52,632	52,778	52,919
Boulder	20,351	20,430	20,499	20,593	20,665	20,741	20,816	20,892	20,967	21,046	21,124
Denver	63,786	63,851	63,964	64,378	64,577	64,787	65,004	65,225	65,456	65,688	65,927
Douglas	23,527	23,575	23,650	23,752	23,836	23,921	24,008	24,096	24,183	24,269	24,362
Eagle	5,687	5,694	5,704	5,738	5,759	5,780	5,801	5,822	5,843	5,864	5,885
El Paso	56,086	56,201	56,416	56,607	56,790	56,976	57,167	57,364	57,561	57,761	57,970
Gunnison	1,240	1,241	1,242	1,252	1,254	1,256	1,259	1,261	1,263	1,266	1,269
Jefferson	40,108	40,162	40,260	40,391	40,498	40,608	40,716	40,822	40,931	41,038	41,148
Larimer	22,016	22,109	22,157	22,286	22,384	22,485	22,589	22,688	22,795	22,902	23,016
Pueblo	15,691	15,748	15,766	15,830	15,873	15,919	15,968	16,020	16,073	16,129	16,189
Weld	27,274	27,337	27,385	27,476	27,542	27,608	27,675	27,745	27,812	27,880	27,949

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.

Colorado Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:							
	3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/2		4/4		4/6			
Adams	51,126	51,185	51,255	51,362	51,553	(10,311) [2,475] {1,237}	51,743	(10,349) [2,484] {1,242}	51,938	(10,388) [2,493] {1,247}		
Arapahoe	51,603	51,685	51,762	51,970	52,230	(10,446) [2,507] {1,254}	52,497	(10,499) [2,520] {1,260}	52,778	(10,556) [2,533] {1,267}		
Boulder	20,351	20,430	20,499	20,593	20,741	(4,148) [996] {498}	20,892	(4,178) [1,003] {501}	21,046	(4,209) [1,010] {505}		
Denver	63,786	63,851	63,964	64,378	64,787	(12,957) [3,110] {1,555}	65,225	(13,045) [3,131] {1,565}	65,688	(13,138) [3,153] {1,577}		
Douglas	23,527	23,575	23,650	23,752	23,921	(4,784) [1,148] {574}	24,096	(4,819) [1,157] {578}	24,269	(4,854) [1,165] {582}		
Eagle	5,687	5,694	5,704	5,738	5,780	(1,156) [277] {139}	5,822	(1,164) [279] {140}	5,864	(1,173) [281] {141}		
El Paso	56,086	56,201	56,416	56,607	56,976	(11,395) [2,735] {1,367}	57,364	(11,473) [2,753] {1,377}	57,761	(11,552) [2,773] {1,386}		
Gunnison	1,240	1,241	1,242	1,252	1,256	(251) [60] {30}	1,261	(252) [61] {30}	1,266	(253) [61] {30}		
Jefferson	40,108	40,162	40,260	40,391	40,608	(8,122) [1,949] {975}	40,822	(8,164) [1,959] {980}	41,038	(8,208) [1,970] {985}		
Larimer	22,016	22,109	22,157	22,286	22,485	(4,497) [1,079] {540}	22,688	(4,538) [1,089] {545}	22,902	(4,580) [1,099] {550}		
Pueblo	15,691	15,748	15,766	15,830	15,919	(3,184) [764] {382}	16,020	(3,204) [769] {384}	16,129	(3,226) [774] {387}		
Weld	27,274	27,337	27,385	27,476	27,608	(5,522) [1,325] {663}	27,745	(5,549) [1,332] {666}	27,880	(5,576) [1,338] {669}		

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