

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 4/2/21 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.

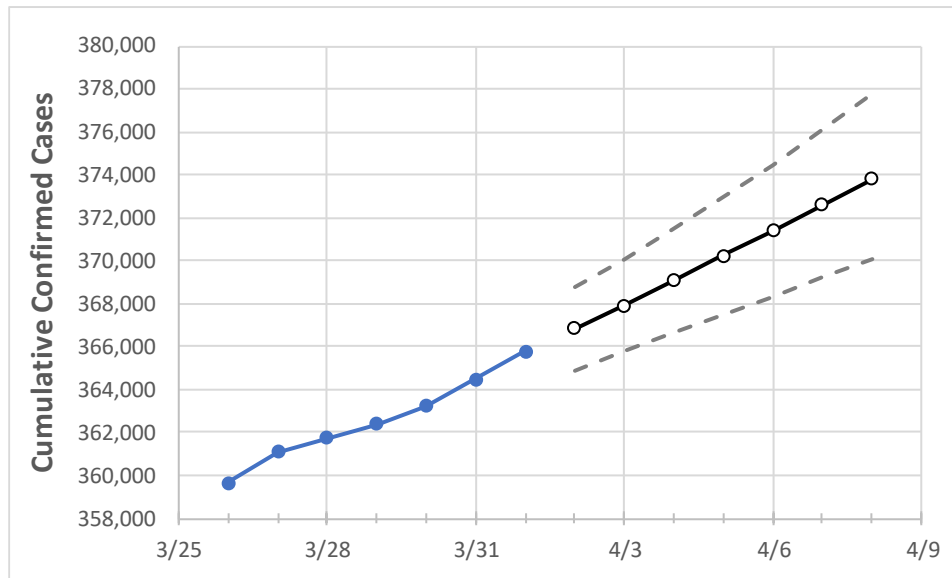
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:							
	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	
Washington	362,385	363,235	364,486	365,762	366,831	367,934	369,061	370,217	371,407	372,615	373,835	

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:							
	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	
Benton	15,629	15,652	15,677	15,700	15,722	15,744	15,766	15,788	15,810	15,833	15,856	
Clark	20,105	20,143	20,221	20,248	20,298	20,349	20,401	20,455	20,507	20,559	20,614	
Grant	8,020	8,033	8,049	8,059	8,070	8,081	8,092	8,104	8,115	8,126	8,137	
Island	1,468	1,471	1,479	1,479	1,481	1,484	1,486	1,489	1,491	1,493	1,495	
King	90,125	90,333	90,692	91,104	91,467	91,840	92,236	92,646	93,067	93,507	93,957	
Kitsap	6,336	6,368	6,401	6,442	6,474	6,505	6,538	6,571	6,607	6,643	6,681	
Pierce	42,192	42,305	42,514	42,724	42,905	43,091	43,279	43,471	43,665	43,870	44,081	
Skagit	4,716	4,719	4,722	4,739	4,746	4,753	4,759	4,766	4,773	4,779	4,786	
Snohomish	31,884	31,993	32,093	32,249	32,352	32,461	32,574	32,695	32,819	32,947	33,082	
Spokane	38,252	38,304	38,420	38,504	38,583	38,661	38,740	38,823	38,905	38,987	39,073	
Thurston	7,774	7,792	7,832	7,869	7,896	7,924	7,953	7,983	8,013	8,043	8,075	
Whatcom	7,483	7,513	7,531	7,564	7,589	7,613	7,638	7,664	7,689	7,715	7,741	
Yakima	27,914	27,954	27,988	28,078	28,117	28,160	28,202	28,244	28,285	28,325	28,367	

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:											
	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/3				4/5				4/7			
Benton	15,629	15,652	15,677	15,700	15,744	(3,149)	[756]	{378}	15,788	(3,158)	[758]	{379}	15,833	(3,167)	[760]	{380}
Clark	20,105	20,143	20,221	20,248	20,349	(4,070)	[977]	{488}	20,455	(4,091)	[982]	{491}	20,559	(4,112)	[987]	{493}
Grant	8,020	8,033	8,049	8,059	8,081	(1,616)	[388]	{194}	8,104	(1,621)	[389]	{194}	8,126	(1,625)	[390]	{195}
Island	1,468	1,471	1,479	1,479	1,484	(297)	[71]	{36}	1,489	(298)	[71]	{36}	1,493	(299)	[72]	{36}
King	90,125	90,333	90,692	91,104	91,840	(18,368)	[4,408]	{2,204}	92,646	(18,529)	[4,447]	{2,223}	93,507	(18,701)	[4,488]	{2,244}
Kitsap	6,336	6,368	6,401	6,442	6,505	(1,301)	[312]	{156}	6,571	(1,314)	[315]	{158}	6,643	(1,329)	[319]	{159}
Pierce	42,192	42,305	42,514	42,724	43,091	(8,618)	[2,068]	{1,034}	43,471	(8,694)	[2,087]	{1,043}	43,870	(8,774)	[2,106]	{1,053}
Skagit	4,716	4,719	4,722	4,739	4,753	(951)	[228]	{114}	4,766	(953)	[229]	{114}	4,779	(956)	[229]	{115}
Snohomish	31,884	31,993	32,093	32,249	32,461	(6,492)	[1,558]	{779}	32,695	(6,539)	[1,569]	{785}	32,947	(6,589)	[1,581]	{791}
Spokane	38,252	38,304	38,420	38,504	38,661	(7,732)	[1,856]	{928}	38,823	(7,765)	[1,864]	{932}	38,987	(7,797)	[1,871]	{936}
Thurston	7,774	7,792	7,832	7,869	7,924	(1,585)	[380]	{190}	7,983	(1,597)	[383]	{192}	8,043	(1,609)	[386]	{193}
Whatcom	7,483	7,513	7,531	7,564	7,613	(1,523)	[365]	{183}	7,664	(1,533)	[368]	{184}	7,715	(1,543)	[370]	{185}
Yakima	27,914	27,954	27,988	28,078	28,160	(5,632)	[1,352]	{676}	28,244	(5,649)	[1,356]	{678}	28,325	(5,665)	[1,360]	{680}

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