

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 4/13/21 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.

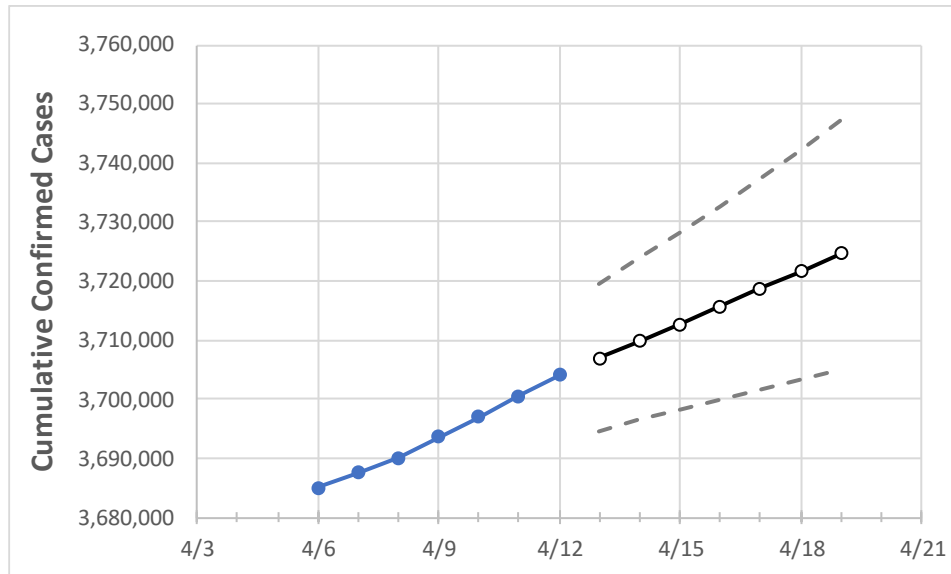
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

California State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	4/9	4/10	4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/18	4/19	

California 3,693,674 3,696,980 3,700,471 3,704,070 3,706,918 3,709,821 3,712,768 3,715,688 3,718,691 3,721,611 3,724,617

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.

California Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	4/9	4/10	4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/18	4/19
Alameda	84,213	84,448	84,626	84,756	84,868	84,984	85,100	85,221	85,345	85,473	85,598
Contra Costa	66,118	66,262	66,369	66,442	66,532	66,623	66,713	66,803	66,898	66,995	67,089
Fresno	99,935	100,027	100,135	100,230	100,310	100,388	100,465	100,542	100,619	100,696	100,769
Kern	106,984	107,172	107,341	107,374	107,465	107,559	107,652	107,748	107,844	107,940	108,034
Lake	3,360	3,362	3,368	3,377	3,381	3,385	3,388	3,392	3,396	3,399	3,403
Los Angeles	1,224,547	1,225,299	1,225,796	1,226,219	1,226,734	1,227,251	1,227,772	1,228,276	1,228,781	1,229,283	1,229,803
Marin	13,787	13,797	13,806	13,813	13,823	13,831	13,841	13,849	13,858	13,866	13,874
Monterey	43,104	43,157	43,157	43,157	43,177	43,199	43,221	43,242	43,264	43,286	43,307
Orange	267,492	267,957	268,175	268,304	268,497	268,690	268,888	269,093	269,305	269,518	269,735
Placer	21,389	21,396	21,402	21,540	21,585	21,634	21,682	21,731	21,780	21,831	21,884
Riverside	296,090	296,272	296,453	296,635	296,836	297,039	297,251	297,461	297,674	297,896	298,120
Sacramento	99,668	99,722	100,048	100,365	100,600	100,837	101,084	101,336	101,599	101,869	102,138
San Bernardino	292,358	292,558	293,638	293,835	294,141	294,465	294,805	295,169	295,542	295,942	296,360
San Diego	272,696	273,057	273,286	273,430	273,669	273,907	274,141	274,369	274,604	274,836	275,063
San Francisco	35,657	35,716	35,774	35,815	35,855	35,898	35,941	35,984	36,027	36,071	36,117
San Joaquin	70,746	70,829	70,911	70,994	71,082	71,171	71,256	71,343	71,436	71,523	71,608
San Luis Obispo	20,723	20,733	20,744	20,754	20,773	20,792	20,811	20,829	20,846	20,864	20,881
San Mateo	40,754	40,800	40,878	40,901	40,942	40,983	41,026	41,069	41,112	41,155	41,198
Santa Barbara	33,545	33,655	33,704	33,727	33,769	33,814	33,859	33,905	33,947	33,994	34,040
Santa Clara	115,825	116,084	116,228	116,324	116,462	116,603	116,748	116,895	117,043	117,201	117,352
Santa Cruz	15,334	15,347	15,360	15,394	15,414	15,433	15,453	15,473	15,494	15,515	15,536
Solano	31,527	31,576	31,624	31,673	31,714	31,755	31,797	31,838	31,881	31,922	31,965
Sonoma	29,475	29,501	29,525	29,536	29,555	29,574	29,592	29,611	29,629	29,647	29,664
Ventura	79,963	80,001	80,040	80,078	80,107	80,135	80,163	80,189	80,216	80,241	80,267

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.

California Medical Demand by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	4/9	4/10	4/11	4/12	4/14				4/16				4/18			
Alameda	84,213	84,448	84,626	84,756	84,984	(16,997)	[4,079]	{2,040}	85,221	(17,044)	[4,091]	{2,045}	85,473	(17,095)	[4,103]	{2,051}
Contra Costa	66,118	66,262	66,369	66,442	66,623	(13,325)	[3,198]	{1,599}	66,803	(13,361)	[3,207]	{1,603}	66,995	(13,399)	[3,216]	{1,608}
Fresno	99,935	100,027	100,135	100,230	100,388	(20,078)	[4,819]	{2,409}	100,542	(20,108)	[4,826]	{2,413}	100,696	(20,139)	[4,833]	{2,417}
Kern	106,984	107,172	107,341	107,374	107,559	(21,512)	[5,163]	{2,581}	107,748	(21,550)	[5,172]	{2,586}	107,940	(21,588)	[5,181]	{2,591}
Lake	3,360	3,362	3,368	3,377	3,385	(677)	[162]	{81}	3,392	(678)	[163]	{81}	3,399	(680)	[163]	{82}
Los Angeles	1,224,547	1,225,299	1,225,796	1,226,219	1,227,251	(245,450)	[58,908]	{29,454}	1,228,276	(245,655)	[58,957]	{29,479}	1,229,283	(245,857)	[59,006]	{29,503}
Marin	13,787	13,797	13,806	13,813	13,831	(2,766)	[664]	{332}	13,849	(2,770)	[665]	{332}	13,866	(2,773)	[666]	{333}
Monterey	43,104	43,157	43,157	43,157	43,199	(8,640)	[2,074]	{1,037}	43,242	(8,648)	[2,076]	{1,038}	43,286	(8,657)	[2,078]	{1,039}
Orange	267,492	267,957	268,175	268,304	268,690	(53,738)	[12,897]	{6,449}	269,093	(53,819)	[12,916]	{6,458}	269,518	(53,904)	[12,937]	{6,468}
Placer	21,389	21,396	21,402	21,540	21,634	(4,327)	[1,038]	{519}	21,731	(4,346)	[1,043]	{522}	21,831	(4,366)	[1,048]	{524}
Riverside	296,090	296,272	296,453	296,635	297,039	(59,408)	[14,258]	{7,129}	297,461	(59,492)	[14,278]	{7,139}	297,896	(59,579)	[14,299]	{7,149}
Sacramento	99,668	99,722	100,048	100,365	100,837	(20,167)	[4,840]	{2,420}	101,336	(20,267)	[4,864]	{2,432}	101,869	(20,374)	[4,890]	{2,445}
San Bernardino	292,358	292,558	293,638	293,835	294,465	(58,893)	[14,134]	{7,067}	295,169	(59,034)	[14,168]	{7,084}	295,942	(59,188)	[14,205]	{7,103}
San Diego	272,696	273,057	273,286	273,430	273,907	(54,781)	[13,148]	{6,574}	274,369	(54,874)	[13,170]	{6,585}	274,836	(54,967)	[13,192]	{6,596}
San Francisco	35,657	35,716	35,774	35,815	35,898	(7,180)	[1,723]	{862}	35,984	(7,197)	[1,727]	{864}	36,071	(7,214)	[1,731]	{866}
San Joaquin	70,746	70,829	70,911	70,994	71,171	(14,234)	[3,416]	{1,708}	71,343	(14,269)	[3,424]	{1,712}	71,523	(14,305)	[3,433]	{1,717}
San Luis Obispo	20,723	20,733	20,744	20,754	20,792	(4,158)	[998]	{499}	20,829	(4,166)	[1,000]	{500}	20,864	(4,173)	[1,001]	{501}
San Mateo	40,754	40,800	40,878	40,901	40,983	(8,197)	[1,967]	{984}	41,069	(8,214)	[1,971]	{986}	41,155	(8,231)	[1,975]	{988}
Santa Barbara	33,545	33,655	33,704	33,727	33,814	(6,763)	[1,623]	{812}	33,905	(6,781)	[1,627]	{814}	33,994	(6,799)	[1,632]	{816}
Santa Clara	115,825	116,084	116,228	116,324	116,603	(23,321)	[5,597]	{2,798}	116,895	(23,379)	[5,611]	{2,805}	117,201	(23,440)	[5,626]	{2,813}
Santa Cruz	15,334	15,347	15,360	15,394	15,433	(3,087)	[741]	{370}	15,473	(3,095)	[743]	{371}	15,515	(3,103)	[745]	{372}
Solano	31,527	31,576	31,624	31,673	31,755	(6,351)	[1,524]	{762}	31,838	(6,368)	[1,528]	{764}	31,922	(6,384)	[1,532]	{766}
Sonoma	29,475	29,501	29,525	29,536	29,574	(5,915)	[1,420]	{710}	29,611	(5,922)	[1,421]	{711}	29,647	(5,929)	[1,423]	{712}
Ventura	79,963	80,001	80,040	80,078	80,135	(16,027)	[3,846]	{1,923}	80,189	(16,038)	[3,849]	{1,925}	80,241	(16,048)	[3,852]	{1,926}

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