

**IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections****Date: 4/19/21**

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 4/19/21 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.**

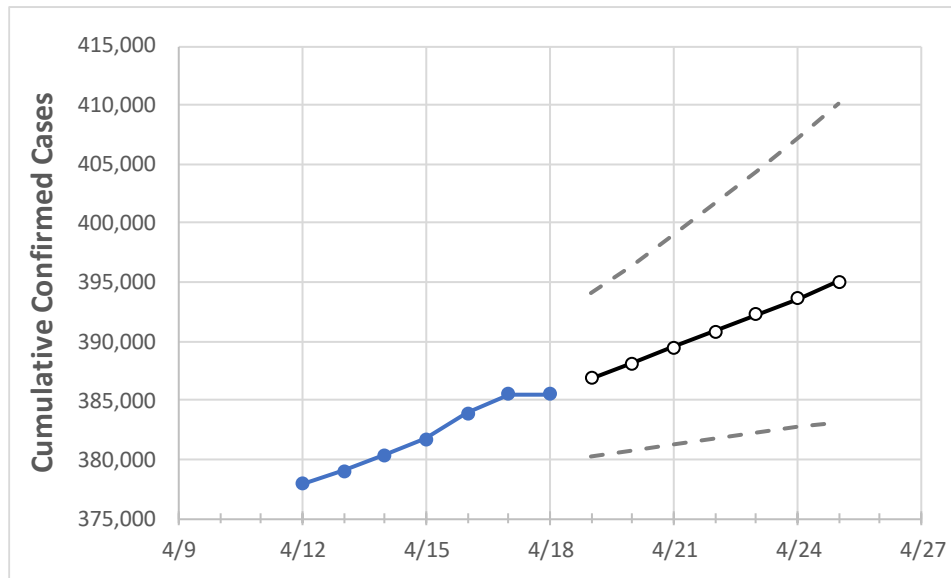
**IEM's Modeling Lead**

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:						
	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25
Washington	381,725	383,894	385,549	385,549	386,848	388,146	389,477	390,818	392,234	393,631	395,092

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:						
	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25
Benton	16,117	16,165	16,206	16,206	16,247	16,291	16,335	16,381	16,429	16,477	16,528
Clark	21,118	21,243	21,334	21,334	21,420	21,512	21,604	21,702	21,803	21,906	22,013
Grant	8,217	8,247	8,271	8,271	8,288	8,306	8,325	8,345	8,365	8,386	8,408
Island	1,530	1,540	1,549	1,549	1,555	1,562	1,569	1,576	1,584	1,593	1,601
King	95,782	96,335	96,808	96,808	97,197	97,589	97,973	98,380	98,801	99,219	99,648
Kitsap	6,922	6,992	7,054	7,054	7,109	7,167	7,226	7,290	7,356	7,426	7,500
Pierce	45,354	45,662	45,950	45,950	46,168	46,384	46,603	46,828	47,060	47,287	47,526
Skagit	4,992	5,021	5,048	5,048	5,077	5,107	5,137	5,169	5,205	5,240	5,279
Snohomish	33,844	34,031	34,237	34,237	34,397	34,561	34,728	34,907	35,093	35,289	35,485
Spokane	39,745	39,905	40,069	40,069	40,197	40,333	40,477	40,626	40,778	40,932	41,093
Thurston	8,263	8,330	8,386	8,386	8,430	8,477	8,528	8,581	8,637	8,696	8,757
Whatcom	7,921	7,955	8,018	8,018	8,047	8,076	8,107	8,138	8,169	8,199	8,228
Yakima	28,785	28,858	28,926	28,926	28,993	29,062	29,132	29,204	29,276	29,353	29,428

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:											
	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/18	4/20				4/22				4/24			
Benton	16,117	16,165	16,206	16,206	16,291	(3,258)	[782]	{391}	16,381	(3,276)	[786]	{393}	16,477	(3,295)	[791]	{395}
Clark	21,118	21,243	21,334	21,334	21,512	(4,302)	[1,033]	{516}	21,702	(4,340)	[1,042]	{521}	21,906	(4,381)	[1,052]	{526}
Grant	8,217	8,247	8,271	8,271	8,306	(1,661)	[399]	{199}	8,345	(1,669)	[401]	{200}	8,386	(1,677)	[403]	{201}
Island	1,530	1,540	1,549	1,549	1,562	(312)	[75]	{37}	1,576	(315)	[76]	{38}	1,593	(319)	[76]	{38}
King	95,782	96,335	96,808	96,808	97,589	(19,518)	[4,684]	{2,342}	98,380	(19,676)	[4,722]	{2,361}	99,219	(19,844)	[4,763]	{2,381}
Kitsap	6,922	6,992	7,054	7,054	7,167	(1,433)	[344]	{172}	7,290	(1,458)	[350]	{175}	7,426	(1,485)	[356]	{178}
Pierce	45,354	45,662	45,950	45,950	46,384	(9,277)	[2,226]	{1,113}	46,828	(9,366)	[2,248]	{1,124}	47,287	(9,457)	[2,270]	{1,135}
Skagit	4,992	5,021	5,048	5,048	5,107	(1,021)	[245]	{123}	5,169	(1,034)	[248]	{124}	5,240	(1,048)	[252]	{126}
Snohomish	33,844	34,031	34,237	34,237	34,561	(6,912)	[1,659]	{829}	34,907	(6,981)	[1,676]	{838}	35,289	(7,058)	[1,694]	{847}
Spokane	39,745	39,905	40,069	40,069	40,333	(8,067)	[1,936]	{968}	40,626	(8,125)	[1,950]	{975}	40,932	(8,186)	[1,965]	{982}
Thurston	8,263	8,330	8,386	8,386	8,477	(1,695)	[407]	{203}	8,581	(1,716)	[412]	{206}	8,696	(1,739)	[417]	{209}
Whatcom	7,921	7,955	8,018	8,018	8,076	(1,615)	[388]	{194}	8,138	(1,628)	[391]	{195}	8,199	(1,640)	[394]	{197}
Yakima	28,785	28,858	28,926	28,926	29,062	(5,812)	[1,395]	{697}	29,204	(5,841)	[1,402]	{701}	29,353	(5,871)	[1,409]	{704}

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