

**IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections****Date: 4/23/21**

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 4/23/21 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.**

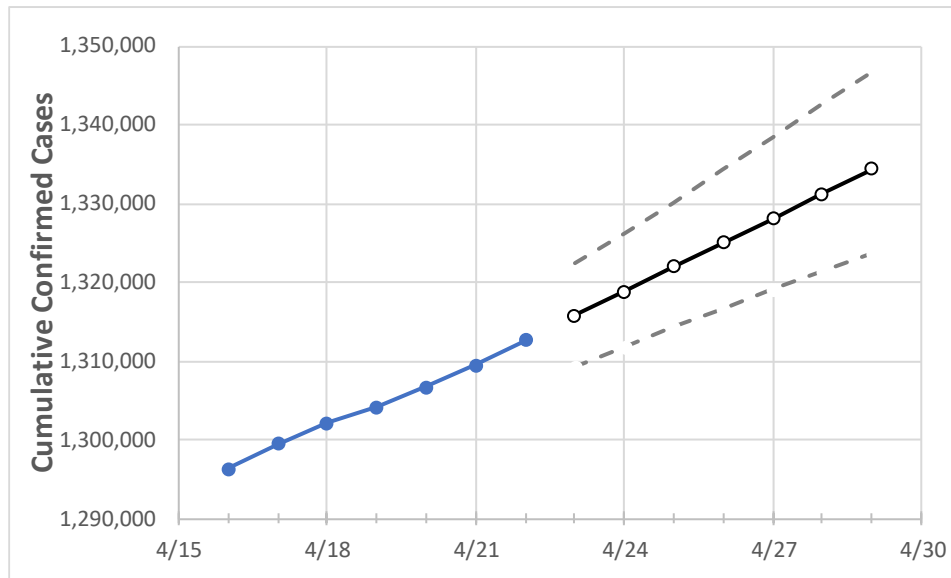
**IEM's Modeling Lead**

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.

## Illinois State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29	
Illinois	1,304,111	1,306,690	1,309,459	1,312,620	1,315,727	1,318,829	1,321,934	1,324,988	1,328,124	1,331,245	1,334,447	

*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.*

## Illinois Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29	
Cook	522,552	523,598	524,592	525,854	527,029	528,201	529,376	530,534	531,658	532,814	533,953	
DuPage	86,547	86,723	86,921	87,172	87,382	87,590	87,792	87,993	88,188	88,387	88,581	
Kane	55,689	55,849	55,955	56,108	56,264	56,423	56,580	56,737	56,896	57,058	57,219	
Lake	64,628	64,746	64,862	65,012	65,135	65,258	65,380	65,504	65,631	65,753	65,880	
McHenry	27,059	27,125	27,207	27,305	27,403	27,504	27,607	27,713	27,821	27,931	28,041	
Will	71,908	72,065	72,209	72,414	72,604	72,798	72,994	73,191	73,384	73,585	73,783	

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.

### Illinois Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/24				4/26				4/28			
Cook	522,552	523,598	524,592	525,854	528,201	(105,640)	[25,354]	{12,677}	530,534	(106,107)	[25,466]	{12,733}	532,814	(106,563)	[25,575]	{12,788}
DuPage	86,547	86,723	86,921	87,172	87,590	(17,518)	[4,204]	{2,102}	87,993	(17,599)	[4,224]	{2,112}	88,387	(17,677)	[4,243]	{2,121}
Kane	55,689	55,849	55,955	56,108	56,423	(11,285)	[2,708]	{1,354}	56,737	(11,347)	[2,723]	{1,362}	57,058	(11,412)	[2,739]	{1,369}
Lake	64,628	64,746	64,862	65,012	65,258	(13,052)	[3,132]	{1,566}	65,504	(13,101)	[3,144]	{1,572}	65,753	(13,151)	[3,156]	{1,578}
McHenry	27,059	27,125	27,207	27,305	27,504	(5,501)	[1,320]	{660}	27,713	(5,543)	[1,330]	{665}	27,931	(5,586)	[1,341]	{670}
Will	71,908	72,065	72,209	72,414	72,798	(14,560)	[3,494]	{1,747}	73,191	(14,638)	[3,513]	{1,757}	73,585	(14,717)	[3,532]	{1,766}

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