

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 5/6/21 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.

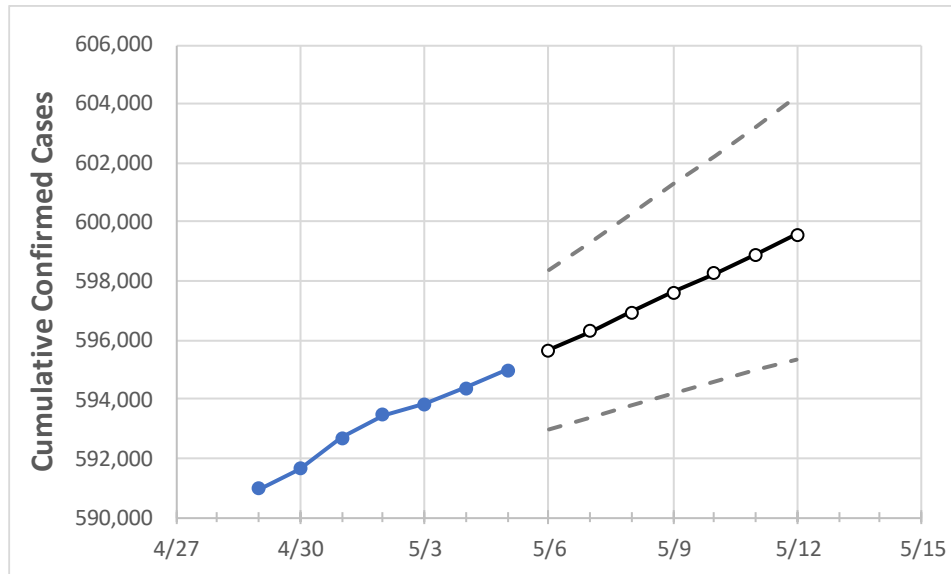
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Missouri State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7	5/8	5/9	5/10	5/11	5/12
Missouri	593,474	593,831	594,380	594,984	595,647	596,295	596,942	597,604	598,275	598,910	599,567

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.

Missouri Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7	5/8	5/9	5/10	5/11	5/12
Boone	17,869	17,872	17,875	17,885	17,896	17,908	17,919	17,931	17,942	17,954	17,965
City of St. Louis	24,169	24,202	24,245	24,279	24,329	24,379	24,427	24,478	24,527	24,575	24,623
Greene	28,061	28,072	28,096	28,121	28,150	28,180	28,209	28,239	28,271	28,303	28,336
Jackson (& KC)	81,111	81,182	81,272	81,402	81,538	81,680	81,823	81,968	82,114	82,261	82,414
St. Charles	42,419	42,440	42,477	42,515	42,559	42,603	42,647	42,691	42,736	42,778	42,821
St. Louis	97,849	97,969	98,101	98,209	98,356	98,498	98,639	98,781	98,920	99,056	99,193

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.

Missouri Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/7				5/9				5/11			
Boone	17,869	17,872	17,875	17,885	17,908	(3,582)	[860]	{430}	17,931	(3,586)	[861]	{430}	17,954	(3,591)	[862]	{431}
City of St. Louis	24,169	24,202	24,245	24,279	24,379	(4,876)	[1,170]	{585}	24,478	(4,896)	[1,175]	{587}	24,575	(4,915)	[1,180]	{590}
Greene	28,061	28,072	28,096	28,121	28,180	(5,636)	[1,353]	{676}	28,239	(5,648)	[1,355]	{678}	28,303	(5,661)	[1,359]	{679}
Jackson (& KC)	81,111	81,182	81,272	81,402	81,680	(16,336)	[3,921]	{1,960}	81,968	(16,394)	[3,934]	{1,967}	82,261	(16,452)	[3,949]	{1,974}
St. Charles	42,419	42,440	42,477	42,515	42,603	(8,521)	[2,045]	{1,022}	42,691	(8,538)	[2,049]	{1,025}	42,778	(8,556)	[2,053]	{1,027}
St. Louis	97,849	97,969	98,101	98,209	98,498	(19,700)	[4,728]	{2,364}	98,781	(19,756)	[4,741]	{2,371}	99,056	(19,811)	[4,755]	{2,377}

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