

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 5/21/21 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.

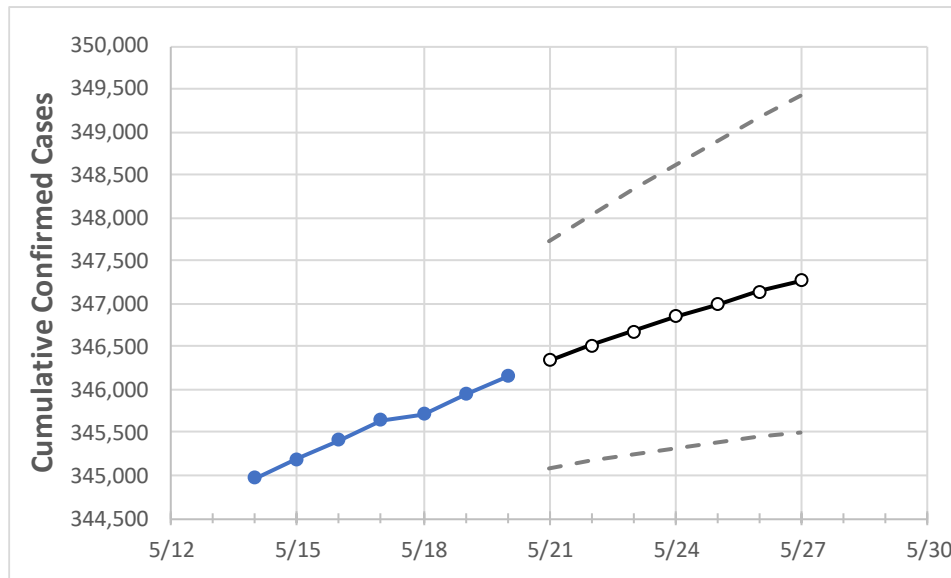
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Connecticut State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:					Projected Cases For:					
	5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20	5/21	5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26	5/27
Connecticut	345,639	345,720	345,948	346,154	346,342	346,513	346,683	346,847	346,997	347,143	347,275

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.

Connecticut Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20	5/21	5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26	5/27
Fairfield	99,646	99,667	99,703	99,736	99,776	99,814	99,851	99,885	99,920	99,954	99,983
Hartford	83,483	83,519	83,565	83,638	83,697	83,751	83,805	83,858	83,909	83,957	84,003
Litchfield	14,552	14,554	14,564	14,570	14,575	14,580	14,585	14,589	14,593	14,597	14,601
Middlesex	12,718	12,721	12,729	12,745	12,753	12,760	12,768	12,775	12,782	12,789	12,795
New Haven	91,372	91,382	91,474	91,512	91,562	91,609	91,653	91,694	91,735	91,770	91,805
Tolland	9,511	9,513	9,531	9,533	9,537	9,541	9,545	9,549	9,552	9,556	9,559

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.

Connecticut Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20	5/22				5/24				5/26			
Fairfield	99,646	99,667	99,703	99,736	99,814	(19,963)	[4,791]	{2,396}	99,885	(19,977)	[4,794]	{2,397}	99,954	(19,991)	[4,798]	{2,399}
Hartford	83,483	83,519	83,565	83,638	83,751	(16,750)	[4,020]	{2,010}	83,858	(16,772)	[4,025]	{2,013}	83,957	(16,791)	[4,030]	{2,015}
Litchfield	14,552	14,554	14,564	14,570	14,580	(2,916)	[700]	{350}	14,589	(2,918)	[700]	{350}	14,597	(2,919)	[701]	{350}
Middlesex	12,718	12,721	12,729	12,745	12,760	(2,552)	[612]	{306}	12,775	(2,555)	[613]	{307}	12,789	(2,558)	[614]	{307}
New Haven	91,372	91,382	91,474	91,512	91,609	(18,322)	[4,397]	{2,199}	91,694	(18,339)	[4,401]	{2,201}	91,770	(18,354)	[4,405]	{2,202}
Tolland	9,511	9,513	9,531	9,533	9,541	(1,908)	[458]	{229}	9,549	(1,910)	[458]	{229}	9,556	(1,911)	[459]	{229}

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