

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 5/27/21**

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 5/27/21 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.

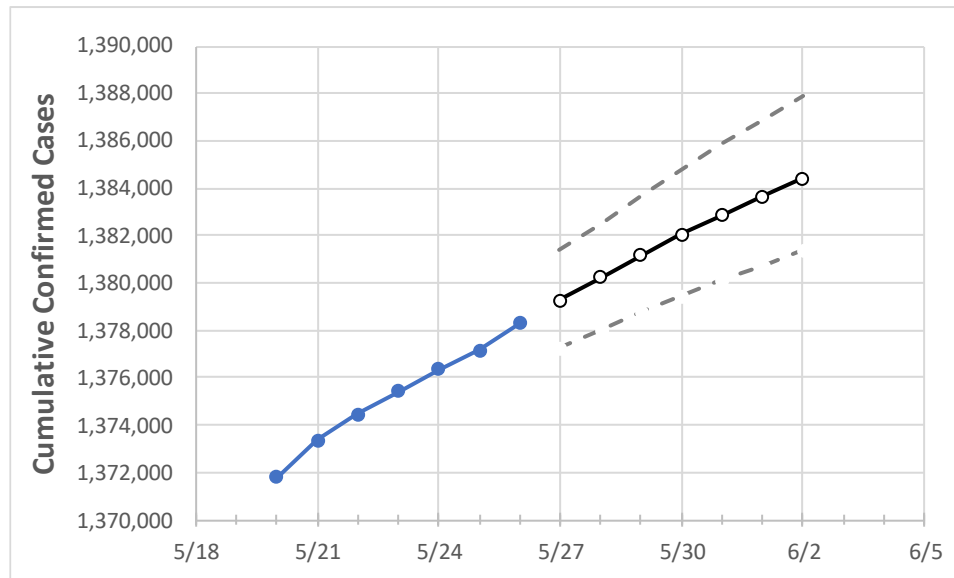
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26	5/27	5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31	6/1	6/2
Illinois	1,375,420	1,376,357	1,377,165	1,378,300	1,379,278	1,380,235	1,381,148	1,382,036	1,382,860	1,383,650	1,384,427

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:						
	5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26	5/27	5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31	6/1	6/2
Cook	550,840	551,311	551,609	552,055	552,483	552,898	553,298	553,674	554,047	554,410	554,753
DuPage	91,423	91,498	91,548	91,623	91,691	91,756	91,822	91,883	91,940	91,996	92,051
Kane	58,929	58,963	58,998	59,070	59,113	59,156	59,196	59,234	59,271	59,308	59,343
Lake	67,793	67,832	67,871	67,913	67,960	68,005	68,049	68,092	68,131	68,171	68,208
McHenry	28,878	28,909	28,928	28,959	28,982	29,005	29,027	29,048	29,068	29,088	29,108
Will	76,275	76,333	76,366	76,435	76,492	76,546	76,599	76,649	76,696	76,741	76,784

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:											
	5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26	5/28				5/30				6/1			
Cook	550,840	551,311	551,609	552,055	552,898	(110,580)	[26,539]	{13,270}	553,674	(110,735)	[26,576]	{13,288}	554,410	(110,882)	[26,612]	{13,306}
DuPage	91,423	91,498	91,548	91,623	91,756	(18,351)	[4,404]	{2,202}	91,883	(18,377)	[4,410]	{2,205}	91,996	(18,399)	[4,416]	{2,208}
Kane	58,929	58,963	58,998	59,070	59,156	(11,831)	[2,839]	{1,420}	59,234	(11,847)	[2,843]	{1,422}	59,308	(11,862)	[2,847]	{1,423}
Lake	67,793	67,832	67,871	67,913	68,005	(13,601)	[3,264]	{1,632}	68,092	(13,618)	[3,268]	{1,634}	68,171	(13,634)	[3,272]	{1,636}
McHenry	28,878	28,909	28,928	28,959	29,005	(5,801)	[1,392]	{696}	29,048	(5,810)	[1,394]	{697}	29,088	(5,818)	[1,396]	{698}
Will	76,275	76,333	76,366	76,435	76,546	(15,309)	[3,674]	{1,837}	76,649	(15,330)	[3,679]	{1,840}	76,741	(15,348)	[3,684]	{1,842}

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