

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 6/2/21 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.

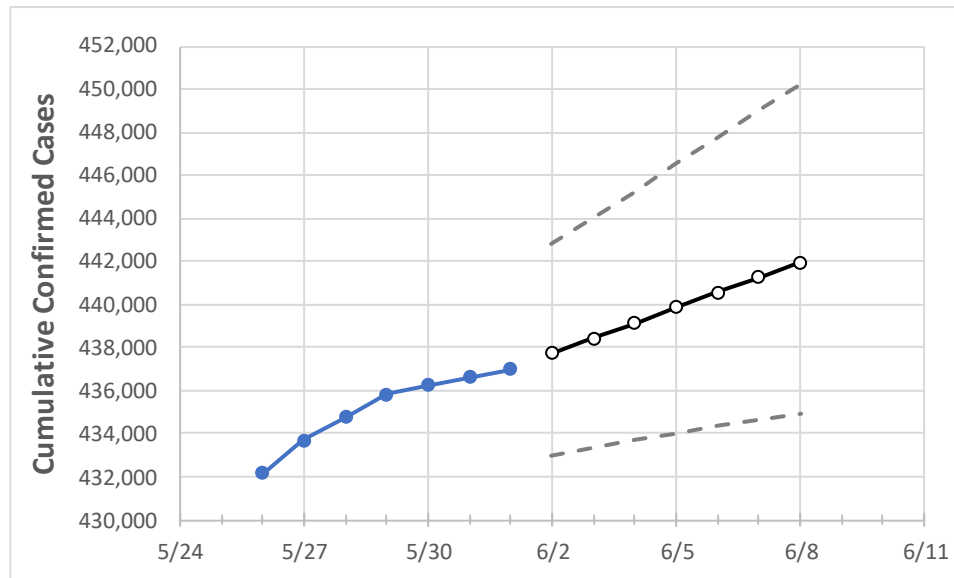
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:							
	5/29	5/30	5/31	6/1	6/2	6/3	6/4	6/5	6/6	6/7	6/8	
Washington	435,849	436,227	436,606	436,984	437,713	438,454	439,142	439,862	440,580	441,282	441,967	

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:							
	5/29	5/30	5/31	6/1	6/2	6/3	6/4	6/5	6/6	6/7	6/8	
Benton	17,243	17,252	17,260	17,269	17,282	17,295	17,308	17,321	17,333	17,345	17,358	
Clark	24,789	24,833	24,876	24,920	24,974	25,025	25,077	25,128	25,176	25,224	25,269	
Grant	9,104	9,111	9,117	9,124	9,135	9,146	9,156	9,166	9,175	9,185	9,195	
Island	1,779	1,781	1,783	1,785	1,787	1,789	1,790	1,792	1,794	1,795	1,797	
King	109,529	109,605	109,681	109,757	109,875	109,987	110,094	110,199	110,297	110,389	110,478	
Kitsap	8,445	8,452	8,460	8,467	8,482	8,497	8,511	8,525	8,538	8,550	8,562	
Pierce	55,113	55,184	55,256	55,327	55,467	55,609	55,752	55,895	56,031	56,161	56,285	
Skagit	5,872	5,875	5,879	5,882	5,891	5,900	5,909	5,918	5,926	5,934	5,942	
Snohomish	38,873	38,900	38,928	38,955	39,009	39,060	39,112	39,160	39,208	39,254	39,302	
Spokane	44,986	45,048	45,110	45,172	45,321	45,469	45,622	45,776	45,931	46,090	46,250	
Thurston	10,353	10,368	10,383	10,398	10,447	10,499	10,550	10,599	10,647	10,698	10,748	
Whatcom	9,418	9,434	9,450	9,466	9,489	9,512	9,534	9,556	9,578	9,598	9,619	
Yakima	30,128	30,138	30,149	30,159	30,179	30,199	30,219	30,239	30,258	30,278	30,297	

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:											
	5/29	5/30	5/31	6/1	6/3				6/5				6/7			
Benton	17,243	17,252	17,260	17,269	17,295	(3,459)	[830]	{415}	17,321	(3,464)	[831]	{416}	17,345	(3,469)	[833]	{416}
Clark	24,789	24,833	24,876	24,920	25,025	(5,005)	[1,201]	{601}	25,128	(5,026)	[1,206]	{603}	25,224	(5,045)	[1,211]	{605}
Grant	9,104	9,111	9,117	9,124	9,146	(1,829)	[439]	{219}	9,166	(1,833)	[440]	{220}	9,185	(1,837)	[441]	{220}
Island	1,779	1,781	1,783	1,785	1,789	(358)	[86]	{43}	1,792	(358)	[86]	{43}	1,795	(359)	[86]	{43}
King	109,529	109,605	109,681	109,757	109,987	(21,997)	[5,279]	{2,640}	110,199	(22,040)	[5,290]	{2,645}	110,389	(22,078)	[5,299]	{2,649}
Kitsap	8,445	8,452	8,460	8,467	8,497	(1,699)	[408]	{204}	8,525	(1,705)	[409]	{205}	8,550	(1,710)	[410]	{205}
Pierce	55,113	55,184	55,256	55,327	55,609	(11,122)	[2,669]	{1,335}	55,895	(11,179)	[2,683]	{1,341}	56,161	(11,232)	[2,696]	{1,348}
Skagit	5,872	5,875	5,879	5,882	5,900	(1,180)	[283]	{142}	5,918	(1,184)	[284]	{142}	5,934	(1,187)	[285]	{142}
Snohomish	38,873	38,900	38,928	38,955	39,060	(7,812)	[1,875]	{937}	39,160	(7,832)	[1,880]	{940}	39,254	(7,851)	[1,884]	{942}
Spokane	44,986	45,048	45,110	45,172	45,469	(9,094)	[2,183]	{1,091}	45,776	(9,155)	[2,197]	{1,099}	46,090	(9,218)	[2,212]	{1,106}
Thurston	10,353	10,368	10,383	10,398	10,499	(2,100)	[504]	{252}	10,599	(2,120)	[509]	{254}	10,698	(2,140)	[513]	{257}
Whatcom	9,418	9,434	9,450	9,466	9,512	(1,902)	[457]	{228}	9,556	(1,911)	[459]	{229}	9,598	(1,920)	[461]	{230}
Yakima	30,128	30,138	30,149	30,159	30,199	(6,040)	[1,450]	{725}	30,239	(6,048)	[1,451]	{726}	30,278	(6,056)	[1,453]	{727}

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