

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 6/14/21 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.

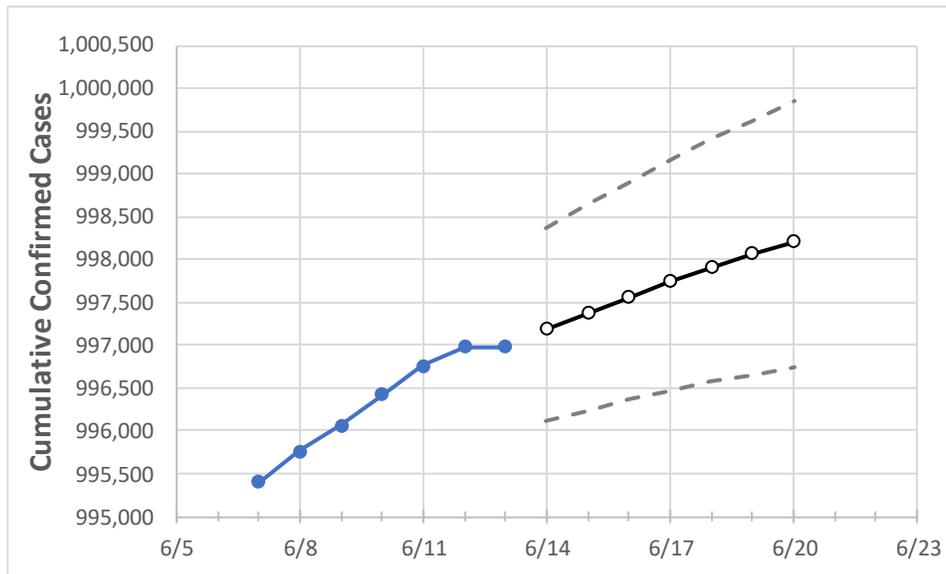
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Michigan State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	6/10	6/11	6/12	6/13	6/14	6/15	6/16	6/17	6/18	6/19	6/20
Michigan	996,427	996,756	996,986	996,986	997,186	997,374	997,565	997,742	997,909	998,066	998,216

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.

Michigan Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	6/10	6/11	6/12	6/13	6/14	6/15	6/16	6/17	6/18	6/19	6/20
Genesee	41,671	41,678	41,688	41,688	41,692	41,696	41,700	41,704	41,707	41,710	41,713
Ingham	24,842	24,848	24,852	24,852	24,857	24,862	24,867	24,871	24,875	24,879	24,882
Kent	73,112	73,140	73,155	73,155	73,173	73,190	73,206	73,221	73,235	73,249	73,261
Livingston	16,694	16,701	16,704	16,704	16,708	16,712	16,716	16,719	16,723	16,726	16,729
Macomb	99,949	99,970	99,990	99,990	100,006	100,022	100,036	100,049	100,062	100,073	100,084
Monroe	15,385	15,388	15,392	15,392	15,395	15,398	15,400	15,403	15,405	15,407	15,409
Oakland	118,320	118,374	118,390	118,390	118,416	118,441	118,465	118,487	118,508	118,529	118,548
Washtenaw	26,428	26,432	26,439	26,439	26,441	26,444	26,446	26,448	26,450	26,451	26,453
Wayne	165,056	165,146	165,215	165,215	165,260	165,304	165,345	165,382	165,416	165,450	165,480

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.

Michigan Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	6/10	6/11	6/12	6/13	6/15			6/17			6/19					
Genesee	41,671	41,678	41,688	41,688	41,696	(8,339)	[2,001]	{1,001}	41,704	(8,341)	[2,002]	{1,001}	41,710	(8,342)	[2,002]	{1,001}
Ingham	24,842	24,848	24,852	24,852	24,862	(4,972)	[1,193]	{597}	24,871	(4,974)	[1,194]	{597}	24,879	(4,976)	[1,194]	{597}
Kent	73,112	73,140	73,155	73,155	73,190	(14,638)	[3,513]	{1,757}	73,221	(14,644)	[3,515]	{1,757}	73,249	(14,650)	[3,516]	{1,758}
Livingston	16,694	16,701	16,704	16,704	16,712	(3,342)	[802]	{401}	16,719	(3,344)	[803]	{401}	16,726	(3,345)	[803]	{401}
Macomb	99,949	99,970	99,990	99,990	100,022	(20,004)	[4,801]	{2,401}	100,049	(20,010)	[4,802]	{2,401}	100,073	(20,015)	[4,804]	{2,402}
Monroe	15,385	15,388	15,392	15,392	15,398	(3,080)	[739]	{370}	15,403	(3,081)	[739]	{370}	15,407	(3,081)	[740]	{370}
Oakland	118,320	118,374	118,390	118,390	118,441	(23,688)	[5,685]	{2,843}	118,487	(23,697)	[5,687]	{2,844}	118,529	(23,706)	[5,689]	{2,845}
Washtenaw	26,428	26,432	26,439	26,439	26,444	(5,289)	[1,269]	{635}	26,448	(5,290)	[1,269]	{635}	26,451	(5,290)	[1,270]	{635}
Wayne	165,056	165,146	165,215	165,215	165,304	(33,061)	[7,935]	{3,967}	165,382	(33,076)	[7,938]	{3,969}	165,450	(33,090)	[7,942]	{3,971}

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