

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 7/1/21 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.

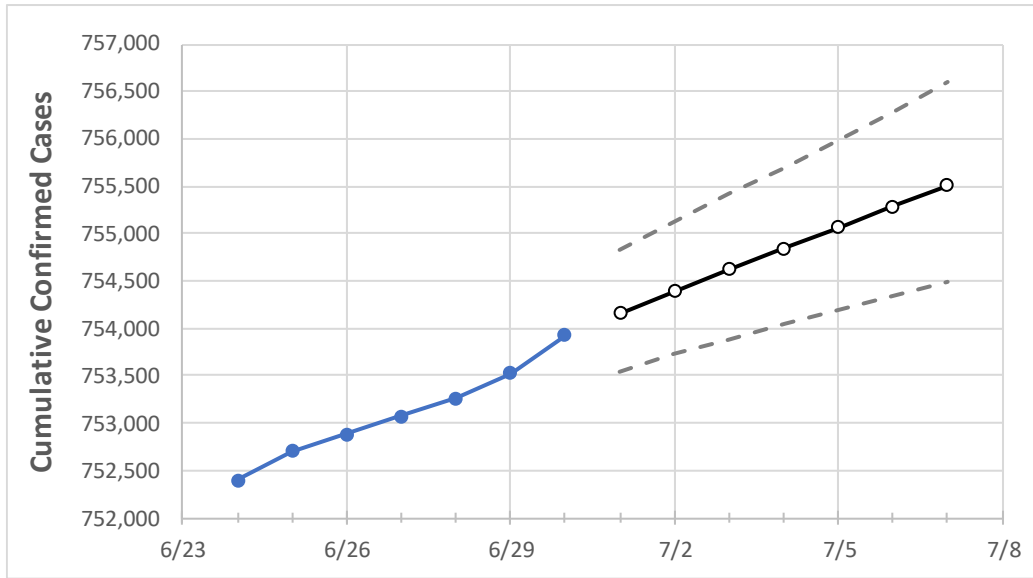
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Indiana State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	6/27	6/28	6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7
Indiana	753,073	753,260	753,528	753,927	754,164	754,393	754,619	754,843	755,068	755,286	755,506

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.

Indiana Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	6/27	6/28	6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7
Decatur	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,901	2,901	2,902	2,902	2,903	2,903	2,904
Hamilton	36,670	36,680	36,694	36,711	36,721	36,731	36,740	36,749	36,759	36,768	36,777
Hendricks	17,726	17,733	17,741	17,753	17,760	17,767	17,774	17,781	17,788	17,795	17,803
Johnson	18,509	18,514	18,517	18,523	18,528	18,533	18,538	18,543	18,548	18,553	18,557
Lake	55,955	55,973	56,037	56,093	56,128	56,162	56,197	56,232	56,267	56,300	56,333
Madison	13,197	13,200	13,206	13,213	13,219	13,224	13,230	13,235	13,241	13,246	13,252
Marion	103,469	103,493	103,509	103,539	103,558	103,576	103,593	103,609	103,625	103,640	103,654
St. Joseph	37,029	37,034	37,036	37,041	37,044	37,047	37,051	37,053	37,056	37,058	37,061

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.

Indiana Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	6/27	6/28	6/29	6/30	7/2				7/4				7/6			
Decatur	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,901	(580)	[139]	{70}	2,902	(580)	[139]	{70}	2,903	(581)	[139]	{70}
Hamilton	36,670	36,680	36,694	36,711	36,731	(7,346)	[1,763]	{882}	36,749	(7,350)	[1,764]	{882}	36,768	(7,354)	[1,765]	{882}
Hendricks	17,726	17,733	17,741	17,753	17,767	(3,553)	[853]	{426}	17,781	(3,556)	[853]	{427}	17,795	(3,559)	[854]	{427}
Johnson	18,509	18,514	18,517	18,523	18,533	(3,707)	[890]	{445}	18,543	(3,709)	[890]	{445}	18,553	(3,711)	[891]	{445}
Lake	55,955	55,973	56,037	56,093	56,162	(11,232)	[2,696]	{1,348}	56,232	(11,246)	[2,699]	{1,350}	56,300	(11,260)	[2,702]	{1,351}
Madison	13,197	13,200	13,206	13,213	13,224	(2,645)	[635]	{317}	13,235	(2,647)	[635]	{318}	13,246	(2,649)	[636]	{318}
Marion	103,469	103,493	103,509	103,539	103,576	(20,715)	[4,972]	{2,486}	103,609	(20,722)	[4,973]	{2,487}	103,640	(20,728)	[4,975]	{2,487}
St. Joseph	37,029	37,034	37,036	37,041	37,047	(7,409)	[1,778]	{889}	37,053	(7,411)	[1,779]	{889}	37,058	(7,412)	[1,779]	{889}

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