

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 7/23/21**

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 7/23/21 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.

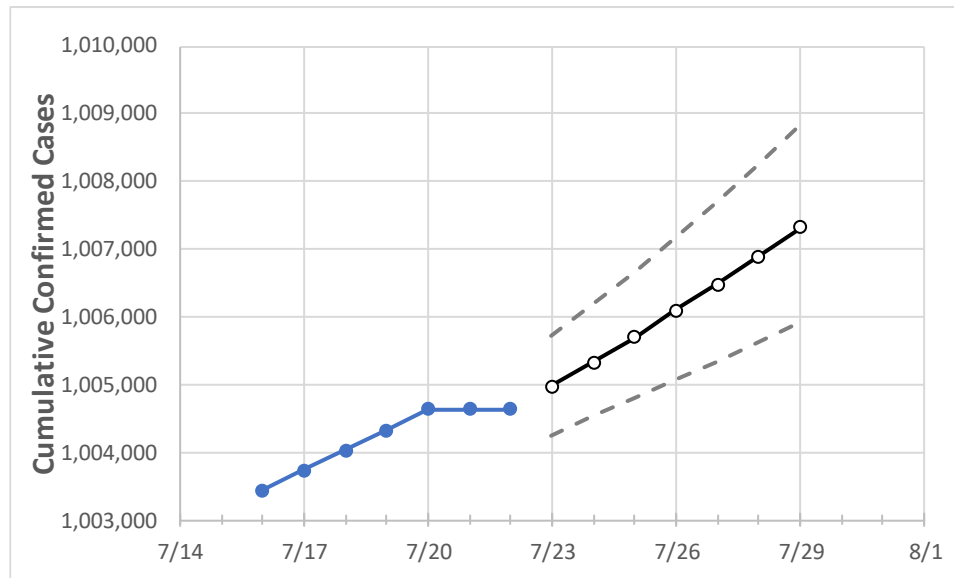
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	7/19	7/20	7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27	7/28	7/29
Michigan	1,004,331	1,004,630	1,004,630	1,004,630	1,004,973	1,005,332	1,005,705	1,006,096	1,006,482	1,006,900	1,007,322

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:						
	7/19	7/20	7/21	7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27	7/28	7/29
Genesee	41,886	41,901	41,901	41,901	41,918	41,935	41,954	41,973	41,995	42,018	42,042
Ingham	25,008	25,019	25,019	25,019	25,030	25,042	25,054	25,068	25,082	25,097	25,114
Kent	74,075	74,092	74,092	74,092	74,107	74,122	74,136	74,149	74,163	74,175	74,187
Livingston	16,832	16,836	16,836	16,836	16,842	16,848	16,854	16,860	16,866	16,873	16,879
Macomb	100,549	100,576	100,576	100,576	100,606	100,637	100,670	100,705	100,740	100,777	100,814
Monroe	15,500	15,505	15,505	15,505	15,512	15,519	15,526	15,534	15,542	15,551	15,560
Oakland	119,339	119,379	119,379	119,379	119,429	119,482	119,536	119,593	119,652	119,712	119,774
Washtenaw	26,633	26,645	26,645	26,645	26,659	26,674	26,690	26,707	26,725	26,744	26,764
Wayne	166,894	166,949	166,949	166,949	167,011	167,073	167,135	167,198	167,262	167,327	167,395

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:											
	7/19	7/20	7/21	7/22	7/24				7/26				7/28			
Genesee	41,886	41,901	41,901	41,901	41,935	(8,387)	[2,013]	{1,006}	41,973	(8,395)	[2,015]	{1,007}	42,018	(8,404)	[2,017]	{1,008}
Ingham	25,008	25,019	25,019	25,019	25,042	(5,008)	[1,202]	{601}	25,068	(5,014)	[1,203]	{602}	25,097	(5,019)	[1,205]	{602}
Kent	74,075	74,092	74,092	74,092	74,122	(14,824)	[3,558]	{1,779}	74,149	(14,830)	[3,559]	{1,780}	74,175	(14,835)	[3,560]	{1,780}
Livingston	16,832	16,836	16,836	16,836	16,848	(3,370)	[809]	{404}	16,860	(3,372)	[809]	{405}	16,873	(3,375)	[810]	{405}
Macomb	100,549	100,576	100,576	100,576	100,637	(20,127)	[4,831]	{2,415}	100,705	(20,141)	[4,834]	{2,417}	100,777	(20,155)	[4,837]	{2,419}
Monroe	15,500	15,505	15,505	15,505	15,519	(3,104)	[745]	{372}	15,534	(3,107)	[746]	{373}	15,551	(3,110)	[746]	{373}
Oakland	119,339	119,379	119,379	119,379	119,482	(23,896)	[5,735]	{2,868}	119,593	(23,919)	[5,740]	{2,870}	119,712	(23,942)	[5,746]	{2,873}
Washtenaw	26,633	26,645	26,645	26,645	26,674	(5,335)	[1,280]	{640}	26,707	(5,341)	[1,282]	{641}	26,744	(5,349)	[1,284]	{642}
Wayne	166,894	166,949	166,949	166,949	167,073	(33,415)	[8,020]	{4,010}	167,198	(33,440)	[8,025]	{4,013}	167,327	(33,465)	[8,032]	{4,016}

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