

## 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 8/2/21 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.**

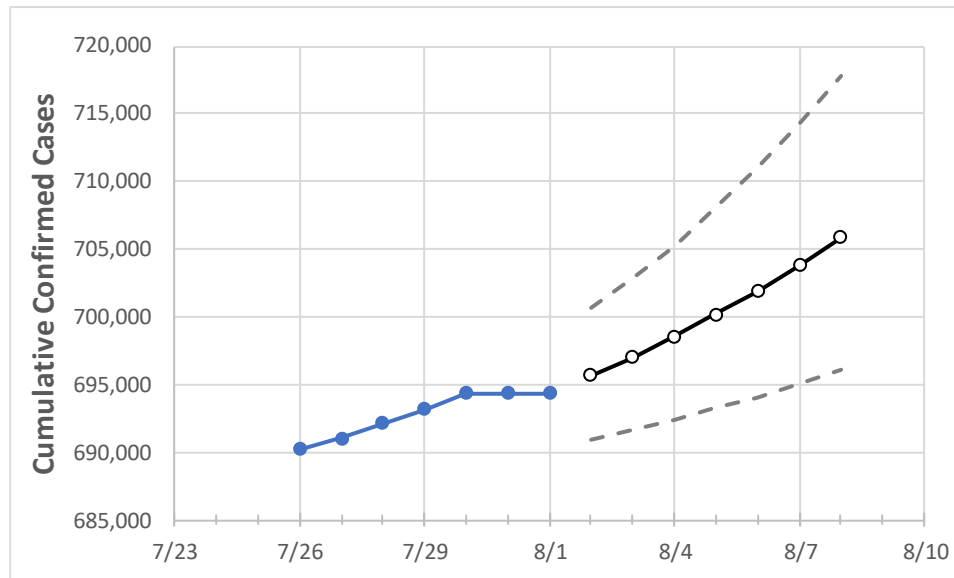
### IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

## Virginia State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	7/29	7/30	7/31	8/1	8/2	8/3	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7	8/8	
Virginia	693,206	694,384	694,384	694,384	695,663	697,044	698,588	700,169	701,898	703,805	705,854	

Note: The Commonwealth'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.

## Virginia Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	7/29	7/30	7/31	8/1	8/2	8/3	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7	8/8	
Alexandria City	12,119	12,134	12,150	12,165	12,186	12,207	12,231	12,255	12,282	12,309	12,338	
Arlington	15,579	15,604	15,629	15,654	15,687	15,722	15,760	15,802	15,847	15,897	15,952	
Fairfax	79,323	79,429	79,534	79,640	79,759	79,888	80,025	80,173	80,329	80,495	80,674	
Henrico	26,492	26,532	26,532	26,532	26,575	26,619	26,665	26,712	26,762	26,813	26,865	
James City	4,780	4,787	4,787	4,787	4,797	4,807	4,818	4,830	4,843	4,857	4,872	
Loudoun	28,600	28,643	28,685	28,728	28,780	28,837	28,898	28,962	29,032	29,107	29,188	
Prince William	52,017	52,080	52,142	52,205	52,273	52,347	52,425	52,508	52,596	52,692	52,795	
Virginia Beach City	37,301	37,383	37,383	37,383	37,470	37,560	37,661	37,768	37,880	38,002	38,134	

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.

### Virginia Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	7/29	7/30	7/31	8/1	8/3				8/5				8/7			
Alexandria City	12,119	12,134	12,150	12,165	12,207	(2,441)	[586]	{293}	12,255	(2,451)	[588]	{294}	12,309	(2,462)	[591]	{295}
Arlington	15,579	15,604	15,629	15,654	15,722	(3,144)	[755]	{377}	15,802	(3,160)	[758]	{379}	15,897	(3,179)	[763]	{382}
Fairfax	79,323	79,429	79,534	79,640	79,888	(15,978)	[3,835]	{1,917}	80,173	(16,035)	[3,848]	{1,924}	80,495	(16,099)	[3,864]	{1,932}
Henrico	26,492	26,532	26,532	26,532	26,619	(5,324)	[1,278]	{639}	26,712	(5,342)	[1,282]	{641}	26,813	(5,363)	[1,287]	{644}
James City	4,780	4,787	4,787	4,787	4,807	(961)	[231]	{115}	4,830	(966)	[232]	{116}	4,857	(971)	[233]	{117}
Loudoun	28,600	28,643	28,685	28,728	28,837	(5,767)	[1,384]	{692}	28,962	(5,792)	[1,390]	{695}	29,107	(5,821)	[1,397]	{699}
Prince William	52,017	52,080	52,142	52,205	52,347	(10,469)	[2,513]	{1,256}	52,508	(10,502)	[2,520]	{1,260}	52,692	(10,538)	[2,529]	{1,265}
Virginia Beach City	37,301	37,383	37,383	37,383	37,560	(7,512)	[1,803]	{901}	37,768	(7,554)	[1,813]	{906}	38,002	(7,600)	[1,824]	{912}

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