

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 9/27/21 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.

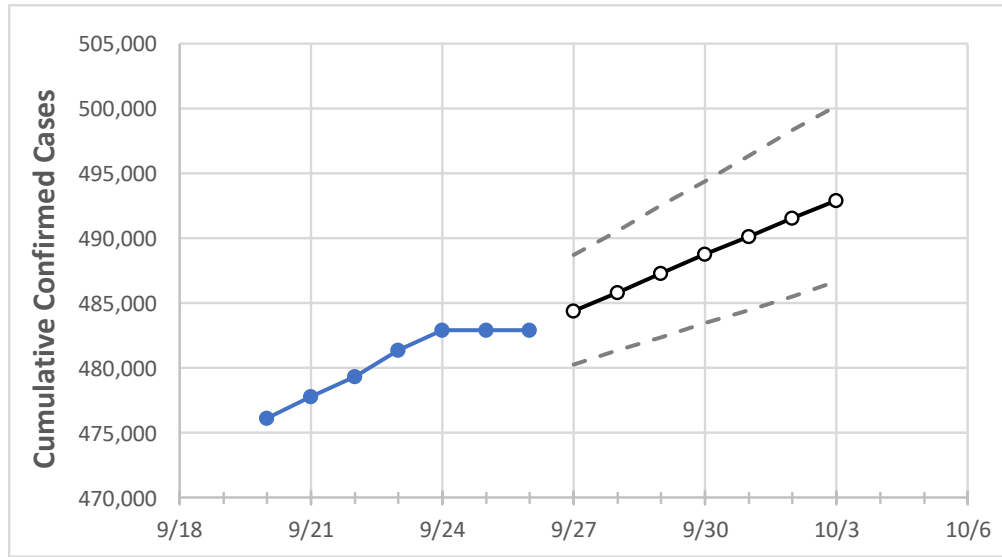
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Mississippi State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1	10/2	10/3
Mississippi	481,397	482,902	482,902	482,902	484,399	485,819	487,299	488,766	490,098	491,531	492,919

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.

Mississippi Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1	10/2	10/3
DeSoto	30,491	30,610	30,610	30,610	30,728	30,843	30,956	31,069	31,181	31,299	31,409
Harrison	32,996	33,063	33,063	33,063	33,181	33,297	33,406	33,521	33,631	33,742	33,853
Hinds	30,973	31,021	31,021	31,021	31,069	31,115	31,162	31,207	31,253	31,299	31,341
Jackson	23,650	23,687	23,687	23,687	23,762	23,841	23,921	23,994	24,066	24,140	24,208
Lauderdale	11,538	11,601	11,601	11,601	11,639	11,674	11,709	11,745	11,781	11,818	11,853
Madison	14,145	14,166	14,166	14,166	14,185	14,203	14,220	14,237	14,253	14,270	14,286
Rankin	21,267	21,340	21,340	21,340	21,370	21,399	21,427	21,457	21,486	21,513	21,537

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.

Mississippi Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26	9/28				9/30				10/2			
DeSoto	30,491	30,610	30,610	30,610	30,843	(6,169)	[1,480]	{740}	31,069	(6,214)	[1,491]	{746}	31,299	(6,260)	[1,502]	{751}
Harrison	32,996	33,063	33,063	33,063	33,297	(6,659)	[1,598]	{799}	33,521	(6,704)	[1,609]	{805}	33,742	(6,748)	[1,620]	{810}
Hinds	30,973	31,021	31,021	31,021	31,115	(6,223)	[1,494]	{747}	31,207	(6,241)	[1,498]	{749}	31,299	(6,260)	[1,502]	{751}
Jackson	23,650	23,687	23,687	23,687	23,841	(4,768)	[1,144]	{572}	23,994	(4,799)	[1,152]	{576}	24,140	(4,828)	[1,159]	{579}
Lauderdale	11,538	11,601	11,601	11,601	11,674	(2,335)	[560]	{280}	11,745	(2,349)	[564]	{282}	11,818	(2,364)	[567]	{284}
Madison	14,145	14,166	14,166	14,166	14,203	(2,841)	[682]	{341}	14,237	(2,847)	[683]	{342}	14,270	(2,854)	[685]	{342}
Rankin	21,267	21,340	21,340	21,340	21,399	(4,280)	[1,027]	{514}	21,457	(4,291)	[1,030]	{515}	21,513	(4,303)	[1,033]	{516}

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