

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 10/22/21 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.

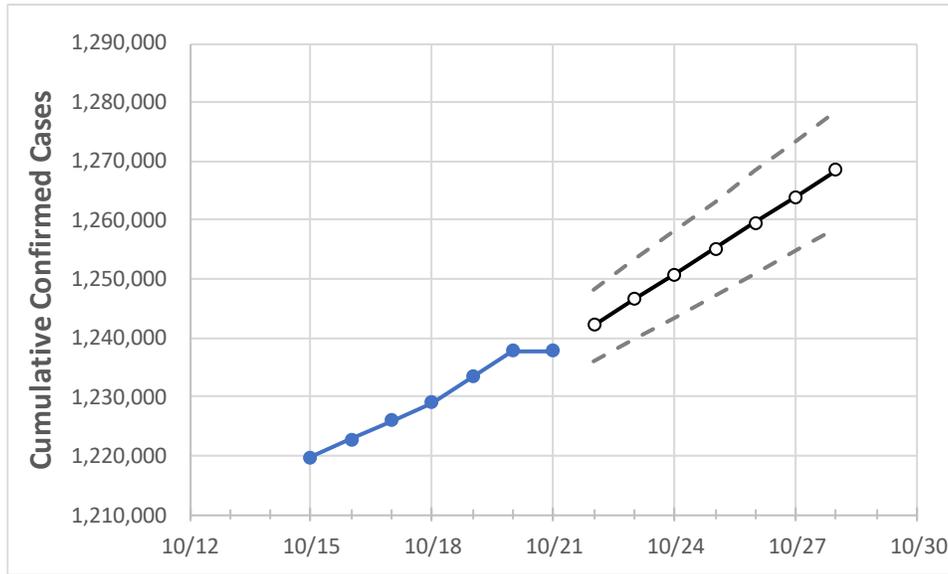
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:							
	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	
Michigan	1,229,056	1,233,451	1,237,845	1,237,845	1,242,131	1,246,539	1,250,836	1,255,215	1,259,630	1,264,027	1,268,465	

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:							
	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	
Genesee	50,574	50,782	50,989	50,989	51,197	51,418	51,635	51,858	52,089	52,321	52,551	
Ingham	30,260	30,352	30,444	30,444	30,538	30,628	30,718	30,810	30,903	30,997	31,089	
Kent	90,788	91,144	91,500	91,500	91,839	92,176	92,511	92,851	93,195	93,539	93,888	
Livingston	22,337	22,454	22,571	22,571	22,694	22,816	22,941	23,063	23,190	23,318	23,448	
Macomb	118,605	118,923	119,240	119,240	119,567	119,886	120,208	120,529	120,856	121,184	121,507	
Monroe	19,830	19,928	20,026	20,026	20,125	20,224	20,322	20,422	20,524	20,625	20,727	
Oakland	142,664	143,063	143,461	143,461	143,840	144,221	144,594	144,977	145,359	145,734	146,122	
Washtenaw	32,557	32,651	32,745	32,745	32,851	32,956	33,065	33,170	33,277	33,388	33,498	
Wayne	195,110	195,593	196,075	196,075	196,575	197,074	197,568	198,076	198,586	199,095	199,618	

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:											
	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/23			10/25			10/27					
Genesee	50,574	50,782	50,989	50,989	51,418	(10,284)	[2,468]	{1,234}	51,858	(10,372)	[2,489]	{1,245}	52,321	(10,464)	[2,511]	{1,256}
Ingham	30,260	30,352	30,444	30,444	30,628	(6,126)	[1,470]	{735}	30,810	(6,162)	[1,479]	{739}	30,997	(6,199)	[1,488]	{744}
Kent	90,788	91,144	91,500	91,500	92,176	(18,435)	[4,424]	{2,212}	92,851	(18,570)	[4,457]	{2,228}	93,539	(18,708)	[4,490]	{2,245}
Livingston	22,337	22,454	22,571	22,571	22,816	(4,563)	[1,095]	{548}	23,063	(4,613)	[1,107]	{554}	23,318	(4,664)	[1,119]	{560}
Macomb	118,605	118,923	119,240	119,240	119,886	(23,977)	[5,755]	{2,877}	120,529	(24,106)	[5,785]	{2,893}	121,184	(24,237)	[5,817]	{2,908}
Monroe	19,830	19,928	20,026	20,026	20,224	(4,045)	[971]	{485}	20,422	(4,084)	[980]	{490}	20,625	(4,125)	[990]	{495}
Oakland	142,664	143,063	143,461	143,461	144,221	(28,844)	[6,923]	{3,461}	144,977	(28,995)	[6,959]	{3,479}	145,734	(29,147)	[6,995]	{3,498}
Washtenaw	32,557	32,651	32,745	32,745	32,956	(6,591)	[1,582]	{791}	33,170	(6,634)	[1,592]	{796}	33,388	(6,678)	[1,603]	{801}
Wayne	195,110	195,593	196,075	196,075	197,074	(39,415)	[9,460]	{4,730}	198,076	(39,615)	[9,508]	{4,754}	199,095	(39,819)	[9,557]	{4,778}

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