

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 10/27/21 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.

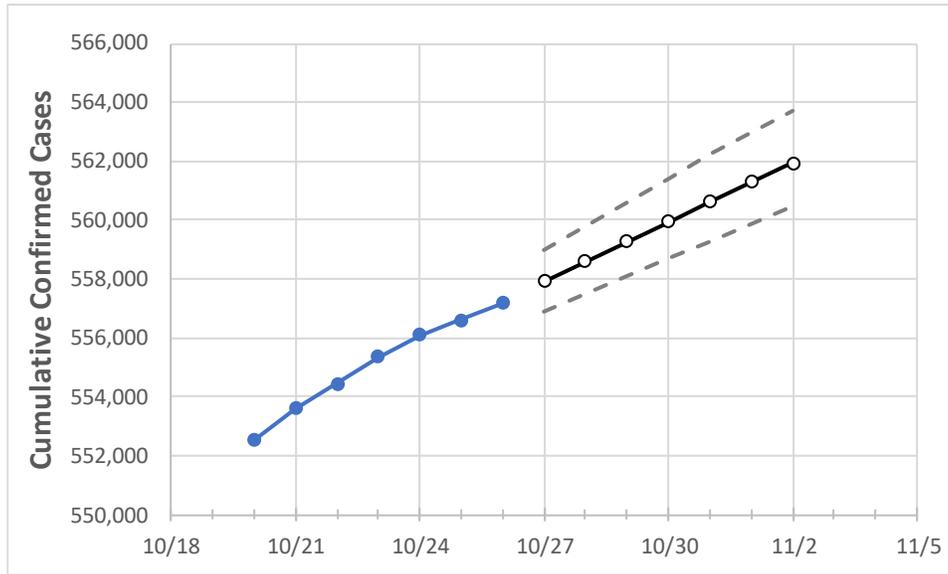
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Maryland State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2
Maryland	555,366	556,083	556,595	557,192	557,908	558,613	559,286	559,964	560,628	561,286	561,936

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.

Maryland Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2
Anne Arundel	52,585	52,648	52,697	52,748	52,820	52,891	52,958	53,025	53,093	53,163	53,231
Baltimore City	61,181	61,275	61,353	61,389	61,464	61,536	61,604	61,675	61,745	61,813	61,880
Baltimore County	76,246	76,319	76,362	76,414	76,496	76,583	76,660	76,743	76,823	76,903	76,982
Charles	14,418	14,434	14,447	14,458	14,479	14,499	14,520	14,539	14,560	14,580	14,600
Frederick	24,063	24,094	24,140	24,172	24,212	24,252	24,290	24,331	24,370	24,409	24,449
Harford	20,525	20,563	20,587	20,635	20,679	20,722	20,766	20,810	20,854	20,897	20,940
Howard	22,522	22,547	22,570	22,591	22,612	22,631	22,651	22,671	22,690	22,709	22,728
Montgomery	81,988	82,037	82,095	82,162	82,224	82,286	82,347	82,407	82,466	82,525	82,583
Prince George’s	99,293	99,338	99,406	99,501	99,570	99,637	99,702	99,766	99,831	99,895	99,956

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.

Maryland Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/28			10/30			11/1					
Anne Arundel	52,585	52,648	52,697	52,748	52,891	(10,578)	[2,539]	{1,269}	53,025	(10,605)	[2,545]	{1,273}	53,163	(10,633)	[2,552]	{1,276}
Baltimore City	61,181	61,275	61,353	61,389	61,536	(12,307)	[2,954]	{1,477}	61,675	(12,335)	[2,960]	{1,480}	61,813	(12,363)	[2,967]	{1,484}
Baltimore County	76,246	76,319	76,362	76,414	76,583	(15,317)	[3,676]	{1,838}	76,743	(15,349)	[3,684]	{1,842}	76,903	(15,381)	[3,691]	{1,846}
Charles	14,418	14,434	14,447	14,458	14,499	(2,900)	[696]	{348}	14,539	(2,908)	[698]	{349}	14,580	(2,916)	[700]	{350}
Frederick	24,063	24,094	24,140	24,172	24,252	(4,850)	[1,164]	{582}	24,331	(4,866)	[1,168]	{584}	24,409	(4,882)	[1,172]	{586}
Harford	20,525	20,563	20,587	20,635	20,722	(4,144)	[995]	{497}	20,810	(4,162)	[999]	{499}	20,897	(4,179)	[1,003]	{502}
Howard	22,522	22,547	22,570	22,591	22,631	(4,526)	[1,086]	{543}	22,671	(4,534)	[1,088]	{544}	22,709	(4,542)	[1,090]	{545}
Montgomery	81,988	82,037	82,095	82,162	82,286	(16,457)	[3,950]	{1,975}	82,407	(16,481)	[3,956]	{1,978}	82,525	(16,505)	[3,961]	{1,981}
Prince George's	99,293	99,338	99,406	99,501	99,637	(19,927)	[4,783]	{2,391}	99,766	(19,953)	[4,789]	{2,394}	99,895	(19,979)	[4,795]	{2,397}

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