

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 11/5/21**

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 11/5/21 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.

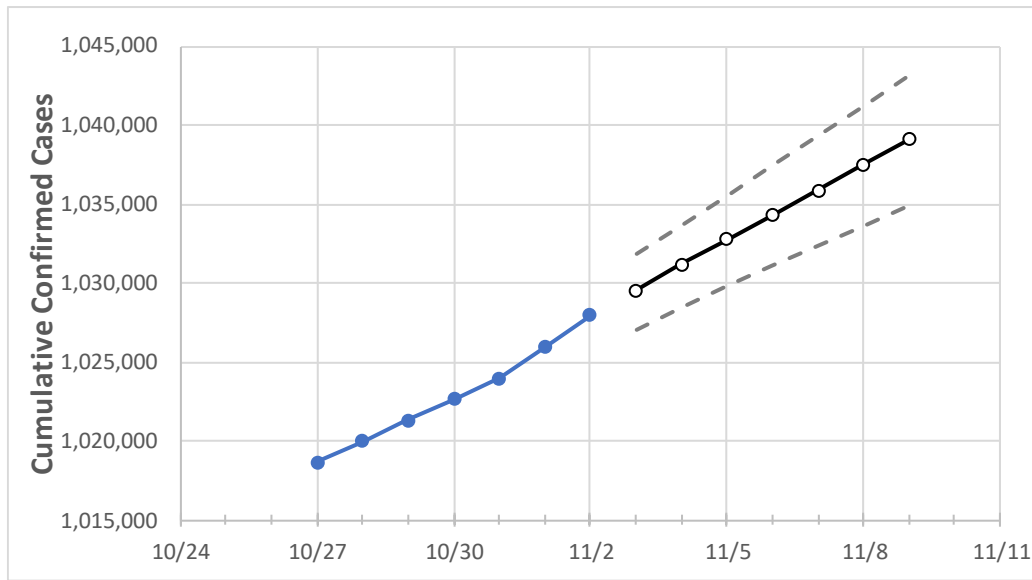
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Indiana State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	
Indiana	1,022,609	1,023,980	1,025,957	1,027,981	1,029,535	1,031,166	1,032,736	1,034,290	1,035,883	1,037,486	1,039,070	

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.

Indiana Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	
Decatur	4,208	4,211	4,222	4,231	4,235	4,238	4,242	4,245	4,249	4,252	4,256	
Hamilton	46,922	46,974	47,067	47,161	47,227	47,294	47,363	47,432	47,502	47,571	47,640	
Hendricks	24,192	24,203	24,250	24,290	24,321	24,350	24,381	24,411	24,441	24,472	24,501	
Johnson	25,440	25,468	25,509	25,550	25,584	25,618	25,652	25,685	25,719	25,752	25,785	
Lake	67,288	67,385	67,457	67,580	67,675	67,774	67,870	67,968	68,066	68,166	68,264	
Madison	19,069	19,097	19,146	19,194	19,230	19,266	19,302	19,337	19,375	19,411	19,450	
Marion	136,969	137,138	137,280	137,479	137,625	137,776	137,923	138,069	138,216	138,363	138,509	
St. Joseph	45,125	45,206	45,292	45,389	45,478	45,567	45,658	45,751	45,847	45,942	46,039	

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.

Indiana Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/4				11/6				11/8			
Decatur	4,208	4,211	4,222	4,231	4,238	(848)	[203]	{102}	4,245	(849)	[204]	{102}	4,252	(850)	[204]	{102}
Hamilton	46,922	46,974	47,067	47,161	47,294	(9,459)	[2,270]	{1,135}	47,432	(9,486)	[2,277]	{1,138}	47,571	(9,514)	[2,283]	{1,142}
Hendricks	24,192	24,203	24,250	24,290	24,350	(4,870)	[1,169]	{584}	24,411	(4,882)	[1,172]	{586}	24,472	(4,894)	[1,175]	{587}
Johnson	25,440	25,468	25,509	25,550	25,618	(5,124)	[1,230]	{615}	25,685	(5,137)	[1,233]	{616}	25,752	(5,150)	[1,236]	{618}
Lake	67,288	67,385	67,457	67,580	67,774	(13,555)	[3,253]	{1,627}	67,968	(13,594)	[3,262]	{1,631}	68,166	(13,633)	[3,272]	{1,636}
Madison	19,069	19,097	19,146	19,194	19,266	(3,853)	[925]	{462}	19,337	(3,867)	[928]	{464}	19,411	(3,882)	[932]	{466}
Marion	136,969	137,138	137,280	137,479	137,776	(27,555)	[6,613]	{3,307}	138,069	(27,614)	[6,627]	{3,314}	138,363	(27,673)	[6,641]	{3,321}
St. Joseph	45,125	45,206	45,292	45,389	45,567	(9,113)	[2,187]	{1,094}	45,751	(9,150)	[2,196]	{1,098}	45,942	(9,188)	[2,205]	{1,103}

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