

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 1/21/22**

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 1/21/22 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.

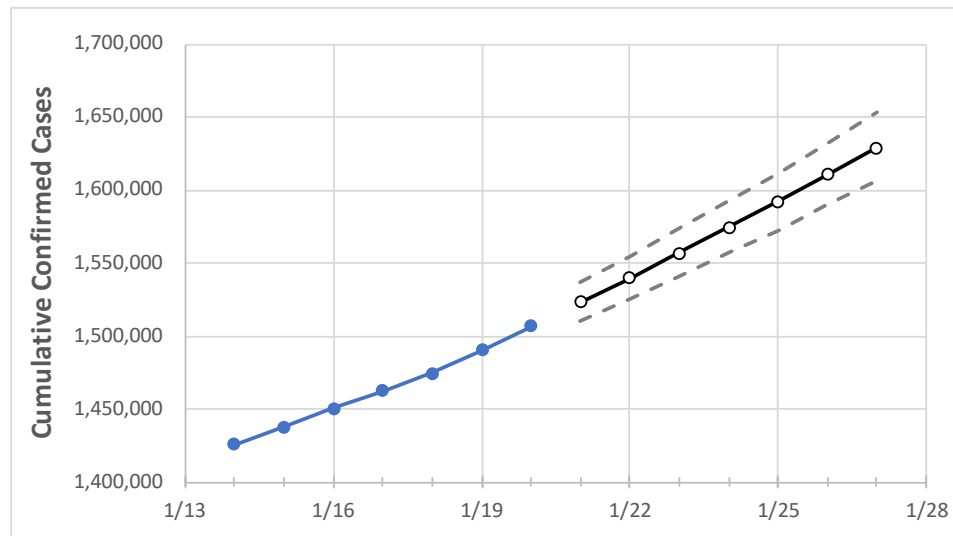
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	1/17	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27
Indiana	1,462,456	1,474,289	1,490,496	1,506,866	1,523,373	1,539,862	1,556,838	1,574,209	1,592,002	1,610,389	1,629,055

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:						
	1/17	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27
Decatur	5,754	5,843	5,885	5,967	6,028	6,091	6,156	6,223	6,293	6,366	6,440
Hamilton	70,705	71,271	72,207	72,876	73,722	74,562	75,406	76,273	77,156	78,049	78,953
Hendricks	35,078	35,518	35,984	36,427	36,914	37,409	37,921	38,443	38,983	39,541	40,121
Johnson	37,119	37,591	37,906	38,300	38,803	39,295	39,801	40,321	40,857	41,419	41,979
Lake	99,200	99,636	100,194	100,664	101,297	101,926	102,533	103,141	103,721	104,326	104,893
Madison	28,036	28,261	28,722	29,024	29,357	29,695	30,041	30,404	30,768	31,144	31,523
Marion	200,592	202,112	203,916	205,689	208,141	210,542	212,936	215,424	217,887	220,502	223,105
St. Joseph	63,078	63,433	64,053	64,730	65,301	65,878	66,480	67,071	67,693	68,332	68,967

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:											
	1/17	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/22				1/24				1/26			
Decatur	5,754	5,843	5,885	5,967	6,091	(1,218)	[292]	{146}	6,223	(1,245)	[299]	{149}	6,366	(1,273)	[306]	{153}
Hamilton	70,705	71,271	72,207	72,876	74,562	(14,912)	[3,579]	{1,789}	76,273	(15,255)	[3,661]	{1,831}	78,049	(15,610)	[3,746]	{1,873}
Hendricks	35,078	35,518	35,984	36,427	37,409	(7,482)	[1,796]	{898}	38,443	(7,689)	[1,845]	{923}	39,541	(7,908)	[1,898]	{949}
Johnson	37,119	37,591	37,906	38,300	39,295	(7,859)	[1,886]	{943}	40,321	(8,064)	[1,935]	{968}	41,419	(8,284)	[1,988]	{994}
Lake	99,200	99,636	100,194	100,664	101,926	(20,385)	[4,892]	{2,446}	103,141	(20,628)	[4,951]	{2,475}	104,326	(20,865)	[5,008]	{2,504}
Madison	28,036	28,261	28,722	29,024	29,695	(5,939)	[1,425]	{713}	30,404	(6,081)	[1,459]	{730}	31,144	(6,229)	[1,495]	{747}
Marion	200,592	202,112	203,916	205,689	210,542	(42,108)	[10,106]	{5,053}	215,424	(43,085)	[10,340]	{5,170}	220,502	(44,100)	[10,584]	{5,292}
St. Joseph	63,078	63,433	64,053	64,730	65,878	(13,176)	[3,162]	{1,581}	67,071	(13,414)	[3,219]	{1,610}	68,332	(13,666)	[3,280]	{1,640}

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