

**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.**

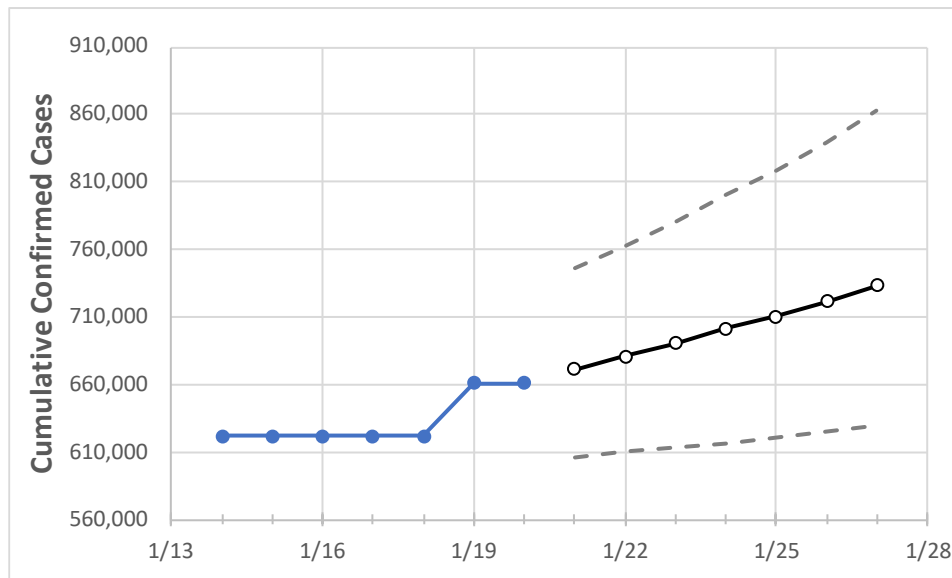
**IEM's Modeling Lead**

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.

## Kansas 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
Kansas	621,769	621,795	660,599	660,929	671,061	680,997	690,279	701,240	710,485	721,111	733,557

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.

## Kansas 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
Douglas	20,262	20,543	20,824	20,824	21,263	21,706	22,168	22,636	23,117	23,625	24,132
Johnson	119,060	120,531	122,002	122,002	123,945	125,983	128,038	130,129	132,334	134,553	136,841
Leavenworth	15,433	15,650	15,867	15,867	16,172	16,494	16,817	17,158	17,509	17,881	18,269
Sedgwick	122,283	123,678	125,073	125,073	127,124	129,257	131,381	133,597	135,850	138,161	140,508
Wyandotte	40,829	41,294	41,760	41,760	42,550	43,363	44,178	45,011	45,904	46,833	47,728

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.

### Kansas 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			
Douglas	20,262	20,543	20,824	20,824	21,706	(4,341)	[1,042]	{521}	22,636	(4,527)	[1,087]	{543}	23,625	(4,725)	[1,134]	{567}
Johnson	119,060	120,531	122,002	122,002	125,983	(25,197)	[6,047]	{3,024}	130,129	(26,026)	[6,246]	{3,123}	134,553	(26,911)	[6,459]	{3,229}
Leavenworth	15,433	15,650	15,867	15,867	16,494	(3,299)	[792]	{396}	17,158	(3,432)	[824]	{412}	17,881	(3,576)	[858]	{429}
Sedgwick	122,283	123,678	125,073	125,073	129,257	(25,851)	[6,204]	{3,102}	133,597	(26,719)	[6,413]	{3,206}	138,161	(27,632)	[6,632]	{3,316}
Wyandotte	40,829	41,294	41,760	41,760	43,363	(8,673)	[2,081]	{1,041}	45,011	(9,002)	[2,161]	{1,080}	46,833	(9,367)	[2,248]	{1,124}

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