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 2/16/22 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.

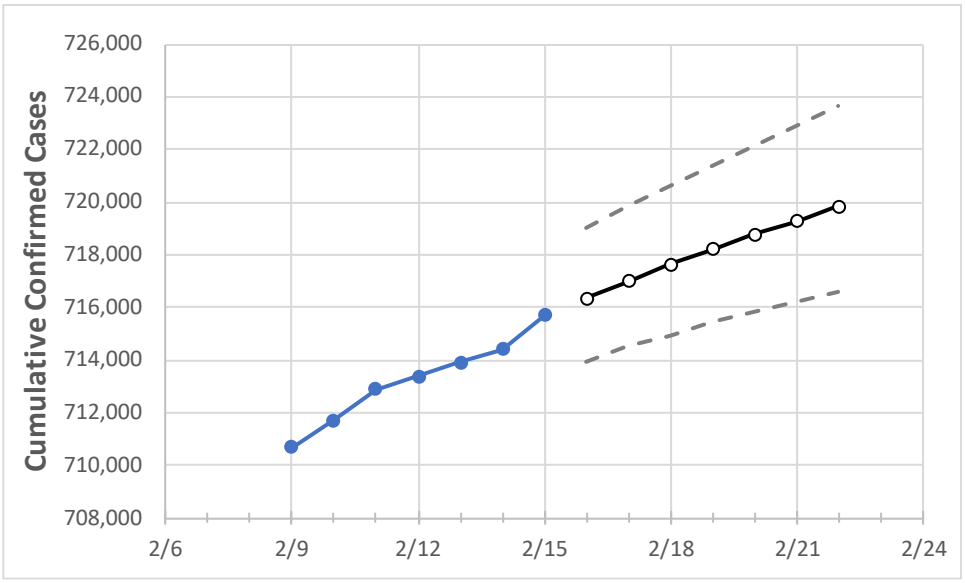
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Connecticut State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21	2/22
Connecticut	713,392	713,900	714,408	715,692	716,332	716,996	717,632	718,222	718,764	719,279	719,828

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.

Connecticut Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21	2/22
Fairfield	196,362	196,503	196,644	196,835	196,990	197,133	197,269	197,403	197,528	197,645	197,768
Hartford	172,538	172,637	172,735	172,975	173,110	173,246	173,370	173,492	173,612	173,730	173,830
Litchfield	30,582	30,603	30,623	30,746	30,780	30,813	30,845	30,875	30,903	30,932	30,959
Middlesex	26,671	26,704	26,736	26,765	26,803	26,837	26,872	26,906	26,940	26,969	26,999
New Haven	187,020	187,145	187,271	187,827	188,038	188,214	188,427	188,592	188,769	188,951	189,107
Tolland	19,791	19,811	19,832	19,863	19,887	19,910	19,932	19,954	19,970	19,991	20,010

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.*

Connecticut Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:		
	2/12	2/13	2/14	2/15	2/17	2/19	2/21
Fairfield	196,362	196,503	196,644	196,835	197,133 (39,427) [9,462] {4,731}	197,403 (39,481) [9,475] {4,738}	197,645 (39,529) [9,487] {4,743}
Hartford	172,538	172,637	172,735	172,975	173,246 (34,649) [8,316] {4,158}	173,492 (34,698) [8,328] {4,164}	173,730 (34,746) [8,339] {4,170}
Litchfield	30,582	30,603	30,623	30,746	30,813 (6,163) [1,479] {740}	30,875 (6,175) [1,482] {741}	30,932 (6,186) [1,485] {742}
Middlesex	26,671	26,704	26,736	26,765	26,837 (5,367) [1,288] {644}	26,906 (5,381) [1,291] {646}	26,969 (5,394) [1,294] {647}
New Haven	187,020	187,145	187,271	187,827	188,214 (37,643) [9,034] {4,517}	188,592 (37,718) [9,052] {4,526}	188,951 (37,790) [9,070] {4,535}
Tolland	19,791	19,811	19,832	19,863	19,910 (3,982) [956] {478}	19,954 (3,991) [958] {479}	19,991 (3,998) [960] {480}

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