

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 3/18/22 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.

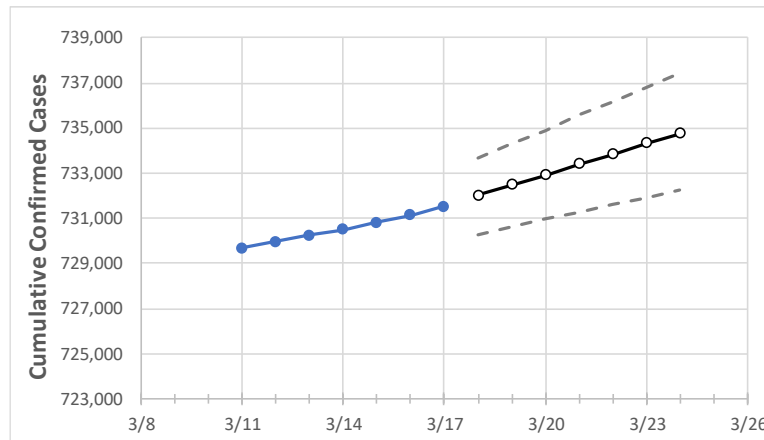
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23	3/24
Connecticut	730,506	730,811	731,128	731,532	732,012	732,471	732,919	733,393	733,834	734,316	734,767

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:						
	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23	3/24
Fairfield	200,091	200,186	200,265	200,403	200,539	200,679	200,805	200,934	201,066	201,203	201,336
Hartford	175,398	175,451	175,512	175,571	175,617	175,663	175,706	175,751	175,793	175,836	175,876
Litchfield	31,394	31,408	31,433	31,436	31,445	31,454	31,463	31,472	31,480	31,489	31,498
Middlesex	27,695	27,703	27,713	27,732	27,751	27,769	27,788	27,806	27,822	27,842	27,858
New Haven	193,275	193,351	193,445	193,580	193,793	193,997	194,189	194,383	194,597	194,795	194,993
Tolland	20,227	20,244	20,250	20,270	20,277	20,284	20,290	20,296	20,302	20,308	20,314

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:											
	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/19				3/21				3/23			
Fairfield	200,091	200,186	200,265	200,403	200,679	(40,136)	[9,633]	{4,816}	200,934	(40,187)	[9,645]	{4,822}	201,203	(40,241)	[9,658]	{4,829}
Hartford	175,398	175,451	175,512	175,571	175,663	(35,133)	[8,432]	{4,216}	175,751	(35,150)	[8,436]	{4,218}	175,836	(35,167)	[8,440]	{4,220}
Litchfield	31,394	31,408	31,433	31,436	31,454	(6,291)	[1,510]	{755}	31,472	(6,294)	[1,511]	{755}	31,489	(6,298)	[1,511]	{756}
Middlesex	27,695	27,703	27,713	27,732	27,769	(5,554)	[1,333]	{666}	27,806	(5,561)	[1,335]	{667}	27,842	(5,568)	[1,336]	{668}
New Haven	193,275	193,351	193,445	193,580	193,997	(38,799)	[9,312]	{4,656}	194,383	(38,877)	[9,330]	{4,665}	194,795	(38,959)	[9,350]	{4,675}
Tolland	20,227	20,244	20,250	20,270	20,284	(4,057)	[974]	{487}	20,296	(4,059)	[974]	{487}	20,308	(4,062)	[975]	{487}

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