

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 3/29/22**

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 3/29/22 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.

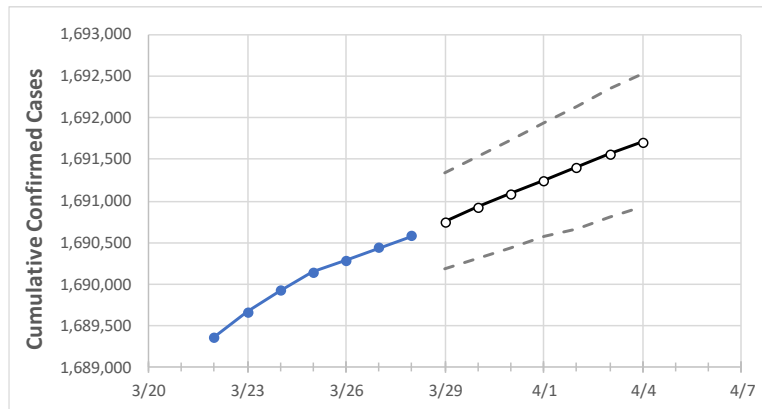
IEM's Modeling Lead

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:						
	3/25	3/26	3/27	3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3	4/4
Indiana	1,690,144	1,690,289	1,690,433	1,690,578	1,690,751	1,690,930	1,691,088	1,691,246	1,691,409	1,691,562	1,691,708

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:						
	3/25	3/26	3/27	3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3	4/4
Decatur	6,990	6,990	6,990	6,990	6,990	6,991	6,991	6,991	6,992	6,992	6,992
Hamilton	81,662	81,671	81,679	81,688	81,699	81,709	81,719	81,729	81,739	81,749	81,757
Hendricks	40,675	40,677	40,679	40,681	40,683	40,685	40,686	40,688	40,690	40,691	40,693
Johnson	42,215	42,217	42,220	42,222	42,224	42,227	42,229	42,231	42,233	42,235	42,237
Lake	105,953	105,965	105,978	105,990	106,009	106,027	106,045	106,062	106,080	106,098	106,116
Madison	32,606	32,610	32,614	32,618	32,621	32,624	32,627	32,630	32,632	32,635	32,638
Marion	224,618	224,640	224,662	224,684	224,728	224,759	224,792	224,826	224,864	224,899	224,928
St. Joseph	70,475	70,482	70,489	70,496	70,505	70,515	70,524	70,533	70,542	70,552	70,561

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:											
	3/25	3/26	3/27	3/28	3/30				4/1				4/3			
Decatur	6,990	6,990	6,990	6,990	6,991	(1,398)	[336]	{168}	6,991	(1,398)	[336]	{168}	6,992	(1,398)	[336]	{168}
Hamilton	81,662	81,671	81,679	81,688	81,709	(16,342)	[3,922]	{1,961}	81,729	(16,346)	[3,923]	{1,962}	81,749	(16,350)	[3,924]	{1,962}
Hendricks	40,675	40,677	40,679	40,681	40,685	(8,137)	[1,953]	{976}	40,688	(8,138)	[1,953]	{977}	40,691	(8,138)	[1,953]	{977}
Johnson	42,215	42,217	42,220	42,222	42,227	(8,445)	[2,027]	{1,013}	42,231	(8,446)	[2,027]	{1,014}	42,235	(8,447)	[2,027]	{1,014}
Lake	105,953	105,965	105,978	105,990	106,027	(21,205)	[5,089]	{2,545}	106,062	(21,212)	[5,091]	{2,545}	106,098	(21,220)	[5,093]	{2,546}
Madison	32,606	32,610	32,614	32,618	32,624	(6,525)	[1,566]	{783}	32,630	(6,526)	[1,566]	{783}	32,635	(6,527)	[1,566]	{783}
Marion	224,618	224,640	224,662	224,684	224,759	(44,952)	[10,788]	{5,394}	224,826	(44,965)	[10,792]	{5,396}	224,899	(44,980)	[10,795]	{5,398}
St. Joseph	70,475	70,482	70,489	70,496	70,515	(14,103)	[3,385]	{1,692}	70,533	(14,107)	[3,386]	{1,693}	70,552	(14,110)	[3,386]	{1,693}

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