

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 20%, and are often within 10%, of actual confirmed cases.

The projections shown in this document are based on data pulled in as of 7/1/20 11 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.

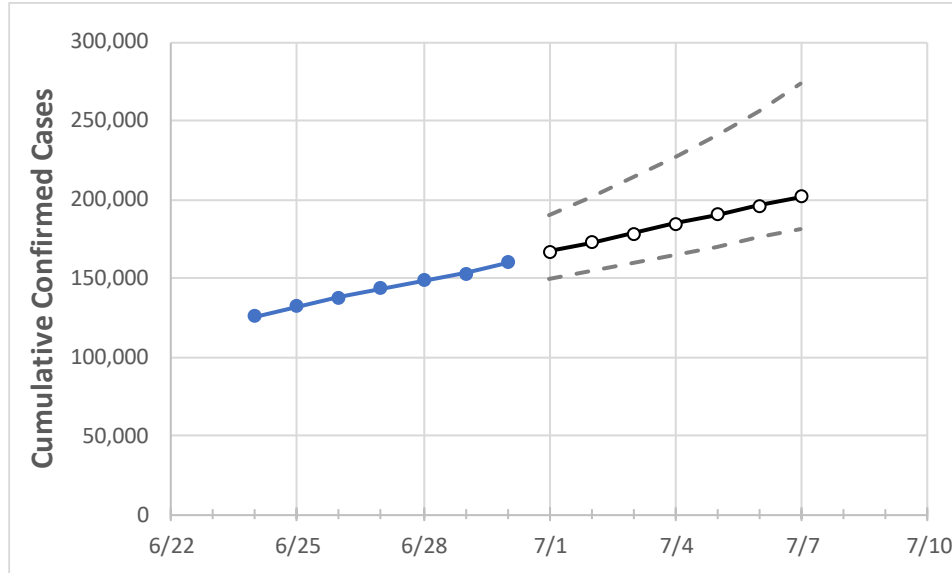
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Texas State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	6/27	6/28	6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7
Texas	143,356	148,721	153,007	159,986	166,756	172,436	178,548	184,792	190,475	196,107	201,976

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 20%, and are often within 10%, of actual confirmed cases.

Texas Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	6/27	6/28	6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7
Bexar	8,857	9,652	10,147	10,797	11,636	12,170	12,730	13,329	13,844	14,385	14,910
Brazoria	2,064	2,161	2,217	2,269	2,322	2,393	2,463	2,529	2,591	2,655	2,720
Brazos	1,615	1,720	1,822	1,943	2,046	2,159	2,283	2,420	2,569	2,734	2,914
Collin	2,532	2,671	2,763	2,882	2,975	3,074	3,181	3,296	3,419	3,550	3,692
Dallas	19,034	19,595	20,165	20,737	21,269	21,819	22,389	22,978	23,588	24,220	24,873
Denton	2,581	2,630	2,670	2,740	2,831	2,928	3,030	3,138	3,252	3,374	3,502
El Paso	5,330	5,614	5,745	5,928	6,090	6,260	6,440	6,629	6,827	7,037	7,257
Ellis	711	747	784	820	840	861	884	907	933	959	987
Fort Bend	3,645	3,716	3,719	3,722	3,775	3,830	3,886	3,944	4,004	4,066	4,130
Galveston	2,667	2,821	2,923	3,062	3,223	3,401	3,563	3,742	3,919	4,084	4,258
Harris	28,255	29,163	29,276	30,729	31,762	32,856	34,015	35,241	36,539	37,914	39,369
Johnson	372	393	415	436	452	470	490	512	535	561	590
Lubbock	1,916	1,984	2,041	2,095	2,143	2,238	2,328	2,419	2,508	2,589	2,680
McLennan	624	697	744	795	845	909	970	1,034	1,093	1,149	1,204
Montgomery	1,952	1,977	2,003	2,028	2,093	2,161	2,234	2,311	2,393	2,480	2,573
Tarrant	10,706	11,083	11,476	11,739	12,167	12,626	13,119	13,648	14,215	14,823	15,476
Travis	7,461	7,825	8,461	8,969	9,416	9,903	10,432	11,008	11,635	12,316	13,056
Williamson	1,770	1,850	2,019	2,100	2,184	2,279	2,386	2,496	2,597	2,696	2,792

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.

Texas Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	6/27	6/28	6/29	6/30	7/2				7/4				7/6			
Bexar	8,857	9,652	10,147	10,797	12,170	(2,434)	[584]	{292}	13,329	(2,666)	[640]	{320}	14,385	(2,877)	[690]	{345}
Brazoria	2,064	2,161	2,217	2,269	2,393	(479)	[115]	{57}	2,529	(506)	[121]	{61}	2,655	(531)	[127]	{64}
Brazos	1,615	1,720	1,822	1,943	2,159	(432)	[104]	{52}	2,420	(484)	[116]	{58}	2,734	(547)	[131]	{66}
Collin	2,532	2,671	2,763	2,882	3,074	(615)	[148]	{74}	3,296	(659)	[158]	{79}	3,550	(710)	[170]	{85}
Dallas	19,034	19,595	20,165	20,737	21,819	(4,364)	[1,047]	{524}	22,978	(4,596)	[1,103]	{551}	24,220	(4,844)	[1,163]	{581}
Denton	2,581	2,630	2,670	2,740	2,928	(586)	[141]	{70}	3,138	(628)	[151]	{75}	3,374	(675)	[162]	{81}
El Paso	5,330	5,614	5,745	5,928	6,260	(1,252)	[300]	{150}	6,629	(1,326)	[318]	{159}	7,037	(1,407)	[338]	{169}
Ellis	711	747	784	820	861	(172)	[41]	{21}	907	(181)	[44]	{22}	959	(192)	[46]	{23}
Fort Bend	3,645	3,716	3,719	3,722	3,830	(766)	[184]	{92}	3,944	(789)	[189]	{95}	4,066	(813)	[195]	{98}
Galveston	2,667	2,821	2,923	3,062	3,401	(680)	[163]	{82}	3,742	(748)	[180]	{90}	4,084	(817)	[196]	{98}
Harris	28,255	29,163	29,276	30,729	32,856	(6,571)	[1,577]	{789}	35,241	(7,048)	[1,692]	{846}	37,914	(7,583)	[1,820]	{910}
Johnson	372	393	415	436	470	(94)	[23]	{11}	512	(102)	[25]	{12}	561	(112)	[27]	{13}
Lubbock	1,916	1,984	2,041	2,095	2,238	(448)	[107]	{54}	2,419	(484)	[116]	{58}	2,589	(518)	[124]	{62}
McLennan	624	697	744	795	909	(182)	[44]	{22}	1,034	(207)	[50]	{25}	1,149	(230)	[55]	{28}
Montgomery	1,952	1,977	2,003	2,028	2,161	(432)	[104]	{52}	2,311	(462)	[111]	{55}	2,480	(496)	[119]	{60}
Tarrant	10,706	11,083	11,476	11,739	12,626	(2,525)	[606]	{303}	13,648	(2,730)	[655]	{328}	14,823	(2,965)	[712]	{356}
Travis	7,461	7,825	8,461	8,969	9,903	(1,981)	[475]	{238}	11,008	(2,202)	[528]	{264}	12,316	(2,463)	[591]	{296}
Williamson	1,770	1,850	2,019	2,100	2,279	(456)	[109]	{55}	2,496	(499)	[120]	{60}	2,696	(539)	[129]	{65}

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