

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 7/6/20 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.

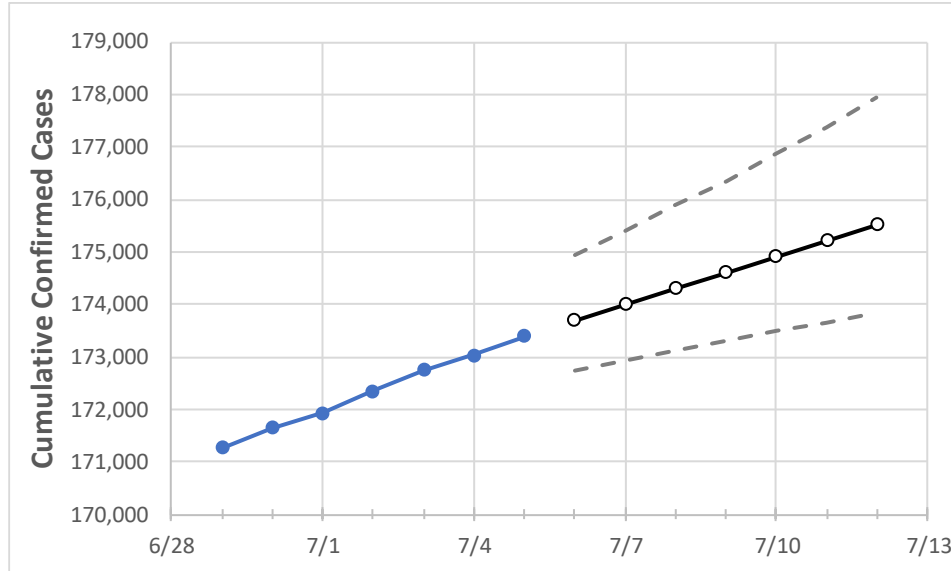
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

New Jersey State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/10	7/11	7/12	
New Jersey	172,356	172,742	173,032	173,402	173,702	174,003	174,304	174,605	174,907	175,209	175,512	

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.

New Jersey Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/10	7/11	7/12	
Bergen	19,474	19,532	19,562	19,625	19,667	19,710	19,753	19,797	19,842	19,887	19,933	
Burlington	5,221	5,238	5,243	5,262	5,277	5,292	5,307	5,322	5,338	5,353	5,368	
Camden	7,406	7,419	7,434	7,479	7,503	7,528	7,552	7,577	7,603	7,629	7,655	
Essex	18,804	18,842	18,859	18,887	18,909	18,931	18,953	18,976	18,998	19,019	19,041	
Gloucester	2,610	2,619	2,630	2,645	2,659	2,673	2,687	2,702	2,717	2,732	2,748	
Hudson	18,874	18,913	18,945	18,976	18,993	19,011	19,031	19,052	19,075	19,099	19,125	
Hunterdon	1,083	1,085	1,087	1,088	1,090	1,092	1,093	1,095	1,097	1,099	1,101	
Mercer	7,693	7,711	7,727	7,740	7,753	7,765	7,777	7,790	7,801	7,813	7,825	
Middlesex	16,852	16,884	16,901	16,913	16,934	16,954	16,975	16,995	17,016	17,036	17,057	
Monmouth	9,211	9,248	9,272	9,308	9,332	9,355	9,379	9,403	9,427	9,451	9,474	
Morris	6,777	6,790	6,800	6,809	6,820	6,832	6,844	6,858	6,872	6,888	6,904	
Ocean	9,631	9,666	9,682	9,706	9,720	9,734	9,747	9,760	9,773	9,785	9,797	
Passaic	16,920	16,927	16,941	16,954	16,963	16,973	16,982	16,990	16,999	17,007	17,015	
Somerset	4,912	4,919	4,928	4,937	4,946	4,956	4,966	4,976	4,988	4,999	5,011	
Sussex	1,198	1,199	1,209	1,209	1,212	1,214	1,217	1,220	1,223	1,226	1,230	
Union	16,394	16,416	16,441	16,455	16,467	16,480	16,494	16,510	16,526	16,544	16,564	
Warren	1,243	1,246	1,249	1,253	1,256	1,259	1,263	1,267	1,270	1,274	1,278	

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.

New Jersey Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	7/7				7/9				7/11			
Bergen	19,474	19,532	19,562	19,625	19,710	(3,942)	[946]	{473}	19,797	(3,959)	[950]	{475}	19,887	(3,977)	[955]	{477}
Burlington	5,221	5,238	5,243	5,262	5,292	(1,058)	[254]	{127}	5,322	(1,064)	[255]	{128}	5,353	(1,071)	[257]	{128}
Camden	7,406	7,419	7,434	7,479	7,528	(1,506)	[361]	{181}	7,577	(1,515)	[364]	{182}	7,629	(1,526)	[366]	{183}
Essex	18,804	18,842	18,859	18,887	18,931	(3,786)	[909]	{454}	18,976	(3,795)	[911]	{455}	19,019	(3,804)	[913]	{456}
Gloucester	2,610	2,619	2,630	2,645	2,673	(535)	[128]	{64}	2,702	(540)	[130]	{65}	2,732	(546)	[131]	{66}
Hudson	18,874	18,913	18,945	18,976	19,011	(3,802)	[913]	{456}	19,052	(3,810)	[914]	{457}	19,099	(3,820)	[917]	{458}
Hunterdon	1,083	1,085	1,087	1,088	1,092	(218)	[52]	{26}	1,095	(219)	[53]	{26}	1,099	(220)	[53]	{26}
Mercer	7,693	7,711	7,727	7,740	7,765	(1,553)	[373]	{186}	7,790	(1,558)	[374]	{187}	7,813	(1,563)	[375]	{188}
Middlesex	16,852	16,884	16,901	16,913	16,954	(3,391)	[814]	{407}	16,995	(3,399)	[816]	{408}	17,036	(3,407)	[818]	{409}
Monmouth	9,211	9,248	9,272	9,308	9,355	(1,871)	[449]	{225}	9,403	(1,881)	[451]	{226}	9,451	(1,890)	[454]	{227}
Morris	6,777	6,790	6,800	6,809	6,832	(1,366)	[328]	{164}	6,858	(1,372)	[329]	{165}	6,888	(1,378)	[331]	{165}
Ocean	9,631	9,666	9,682	9,706	9,734	(1,947)	[467]	{234}	9,760	(1,952)	[468]	{234}	9,785	(1,957)	[470]	{235}
Passaic	16,920	16,927	16,941	16,954	16,973	(3,395)	[815]	{407}	16,990	(3,398)	[816]	{408}	17,007	(3,401)	[816]	{408}
Somerset	4,912	4,919	4,928	4,937	4,956	(991)	[238]	{119}	4,976	(995)	[239]	{119}	4,999	(1,000)	[240]	{120}
Sussex	1,198	1,199	1,209	1,209	1,214	(243)	[58]	{29}	1,220	(244)	[59]	{29}	1,226	(245)	[59]	{29}
Union	16,394	16,416	16,441	16,455	16,480	(3,296)	[791]	{396}	16,510	(3,302)	[792]	{396}	16,544	(3,309)	[794]	{397}
Warren	1,243	1,246	1,249	1,253	1,259	(252)	[60]	{30}	1,267	(253)	[61]	{30}	1,274	(255)	[61]	{31}

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