

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 7/16/20 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.

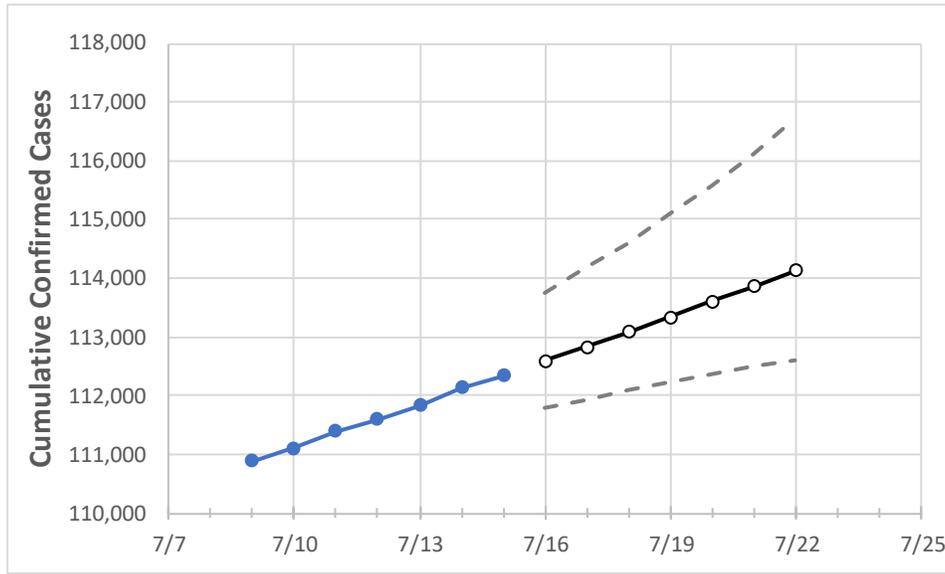
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Massachusetts State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	7/12	7/13	7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20	7/21	7/22

Massachusetts 111,596 111,826 112,130 112,347 112,591 112,838 113,088 113,342 113,600 113,861 114,126

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.

Massachusetts Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	7/12	7/13	7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20	7/21	7/22
Barnstable	1,578	1,582	1,586	1,593	1,596	1,600	1,604	1,607	1,611	1,615	1,619
Berkshire	613	615	615	615	617	618	620	622	624	626	628
Bristol	8,460	8,491	8,527	8,558	8,581	8,603	8,627	8,650	8,674	8,698	8,723
Essex	16,469	16,485	16,530	16,564	16,590	16,616	16,642	16,668	16,693	16,719	16,744
Franklin	384	385	385	385	386	386	387	387	388	388	389
Hampden	7,000	7,019	7,039	7,056	7,073	7,091	7,108	7,125	7,143	7,160	7,178
Hampshire	1,008	1,010	1,012	1,012	1,015	1,018	1,021	1,024	1,027	1,030	1,033
Middlesex	24,483	24,536	24,600	24,652	24,703	24,756	24,809	24,863	24,918	24,974	25,030
Norfolk	9,462	9,485	9,530	9,560	9,592	9,625	9,660	9,697	9,734	9,774	9,815
Plymouth	8,811	8,822	8,830	8,832	8,839	8,846	8,853	8,860	8,866	8,873	8,879
Suffolk	20,301	20,342	20,386	20,411	20,453	20,496	20,539	20,584	20,630	20,677	20,726
Worcester	12,648	12,679	12,710	12,724	12,745	12,766	12,787	12,807	12,827	12,848	12,868

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.

Massachusetts Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	7/12	7/13	7/14	7/15	7/17			7/19			7/21					
Barnstable	1,578	1,582	1,586	1,593	1,600	(320)	[77]	{38}	1,607	(321)	[77]	{39}	1,615	(323)	[78]	{39}
Berkshire	613	615	615	615	618	(124)	[30]	{15}	622	(124)	[30]	{15}	626	(125)	[30]	{15}
Bristol	8,460	8,491	8,527	8,558	8,603	(1,721)	[413]	{206}	8,650	(1,730)	[415]	{208}	8,698	(1,740)	[418]	{209}
Essex	16,469	16,485	16,530	16,564	16,616	(3,323)	[798]	{399}	16,668	(3,334)	[800]	{400}	16,719	(3,344)	[802]	{401}
Franklin	384	385	385	385	386	(77)	[19]	{9}	387	(77)	[19]	{9}	388	(78)	[19]	{9}
Hampden	7,000	7,019	7,039	7,056	7,091	(1,418)	[340]	{170}	7,125	(1,425)	[342]	{171}	7,160	(1,432)	[344]	{172}
Hampshire	1,008	1,010	1,012	1,012	1,018	(204)	[49]	{24}	1,024	(205)	[49]	{25}	1,030	(206)	[49]	{25}
Middlesex	24,483	24,536	24,600	24,652	24,756	(4,951)	[1,188]	{594}	24,863	(4,973)	[1,193]	{597}	24,974	(4,995)	[1,199]	{599}
Norfolk	9,462	9,485	9,530	9,560	9,625	(1,925)	[462]	{231}	9,697	(1,939)	[465]	{233}	9,774	(1,955)	[469]	{235}
Plymouth	8,811	8,822	8,830	8,832	8,846	(1,769)	[425]	{212}	8,860	(1,772)	[425]	{213}	8,873	(1,775)	[426]	{213}
Suffolk	20,301	20,342	20,386	20,411	20,496	(4,099)	[984]	{492}	20,584	(4,117)	[988]	{494}	20,677	(4,135)	[993]	{496}
Worcester	12,648	12,679	12,710	12,724	12,766	(2,553)	[613]	{306}	12,807	(2,561)	[615]	{307}	12,848	(2,570)	[617]	{308}

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