

IEM's AI Modeling: Short-term COVID-19 Projections**Date: 8/18/20**

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 8/18/20 1 p.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.

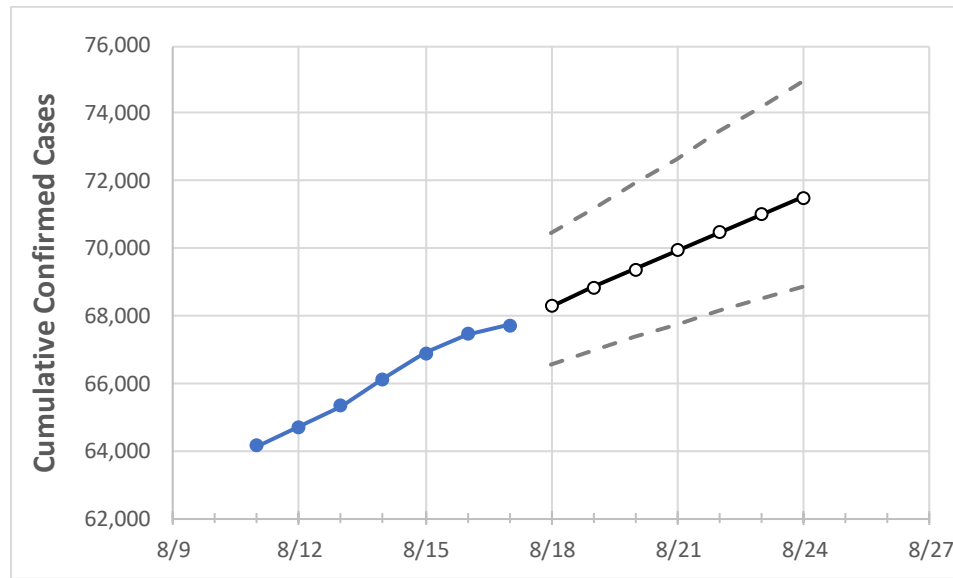
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Washington State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	8/14	8/15	8/16	8/17	8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24
Washington	66,138	66,883	67,459	67,721	68,284	68,839	69,387	69,929	70,463	70,991	71,512

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.

Washington Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	8/14	8/15	8/16	8/17	8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24	
Benton	3,815	3,845	3,851	3,860	3,873	3,885	3,897	3,908	3,919	3,929	3,939	
Clark	1,897	1,927	1,933	1,938	1,953	1,969	1,985	2,000	2,016	2,031	2,047	
Grant	1,676	1,746	1,821	1,833	1,872	1,913	1,955	1,998	2,043	2,089	2,137	
Island	250	250	253	254	255	255	255	256	256	257	257	
King	17,308	17,491	17,623	17,745	17,887	18,029	18,172	18,314	18,457	18,600	18,743	
Kitsap	793	801	806	812	819	826	833	840	847	853	859	
Pierce	6,038	6,094	6,150	6,177	6,228	6,279	6,329	6,378	6,426	6,474	6,520	
Skagit	916	922	932	934	939	944	949	954	958	963	968	
Snohomish	5,668	5,716	5,730	5,741	5,768	5,795	5,821	5,846	5,871	5,895	5,918	
Spokane	4,723	4,758	4,791	4,806	4,847	4,888	4,928	4,967	5,005	5,042	5,079	
Thurston	774	781	790	798	807	817	826	836	845	855	865	
Whatcom	1,012	1,018	1,024	1,029	1,033	1,037	1,041	1,044	1,048	1,051	1,055	
Yakima	10,523	10,590	10,625	10,645	10,675	10,704	10,733	10,761	10,788	10,815	10,841	

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.

Washington Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	8/14	8/15	8/16	8/17	8/19				8/21				8/23			
Benton	3,815	3,845	3,851	3,860	3,885	(777)	[186]	{93}	3,908	(782)	[188]	{94}	3,929	(786)	[189]	{94}
Clark	1,897	1,927	1,933	1,938	1,969	(394)	[95]	{47}	2,000	(400)	[96]	{48}	2,031	(406)	[97]	{49}
Grant	1,676	1,746	1,821	1,833	1,913	(383)	[92]	{46}	1,998	(400)	[96]	{48}	2,089	(418)	[100]	{50}
Island	250	250	253	254	255	(51)	[12]	{6}	256	(51)	[12]	{6}	257	(51)	[12]	{6}
King	17,308	17,491	17,623	17,745	18,029	(3,606)	[865]	{433}	18,314	(3,663)	[879]	{440}	18,600	(3,720)	[893]	{446}
Kitsap	793	801	806	812	826	(165)	[40]	{20}	840	(168)	[40]	{20}	853	(171)	[41]	{20}
Pierce	6,038	6,094	6,150	6,177	6,279	(1,256)	[301]	{151}	6,378	(1,276)	[306]	{153}	6,474	(1,295)	[311]	{155}
Skagit	916	922	932	934	944	(189)	[45]	{23}	954	(191)	[46]	{23}	963	(193)	[46]	{23}
Snohomish	5,668	5,716	5,730	5,741	5,795	(1,159)	[278]	{139}	5,846	(1,169)	[281]	{140}	5,895	(1,179)	[283]	{141}
Spokane	4,723	4,758	4,791	4,806	4,888	(978)	[235]	{117}	4,967	(993)	[238]	{119}	5,042	(1,008)	[242]	{121}
Thurston	774	781	790	798	817	(163)	[39]	{20}	836	(167)	[40]	{20}	855	(171)	[41]	{21}
Whatcom	1,012	1,018	1,024	1,029	1,037	(207)	[50]	{25}	1,044	(209)	[50]	{25}	1,051	(210)	[50]	{25}
Yakima	10,523	10,590	10,625	10,645	10,704	(2,141)	[514]	{257}	10,761	(2,152)	[517]	{258}	10,815	(2,163)	[519]	{260}

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