

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 9/2/20 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.

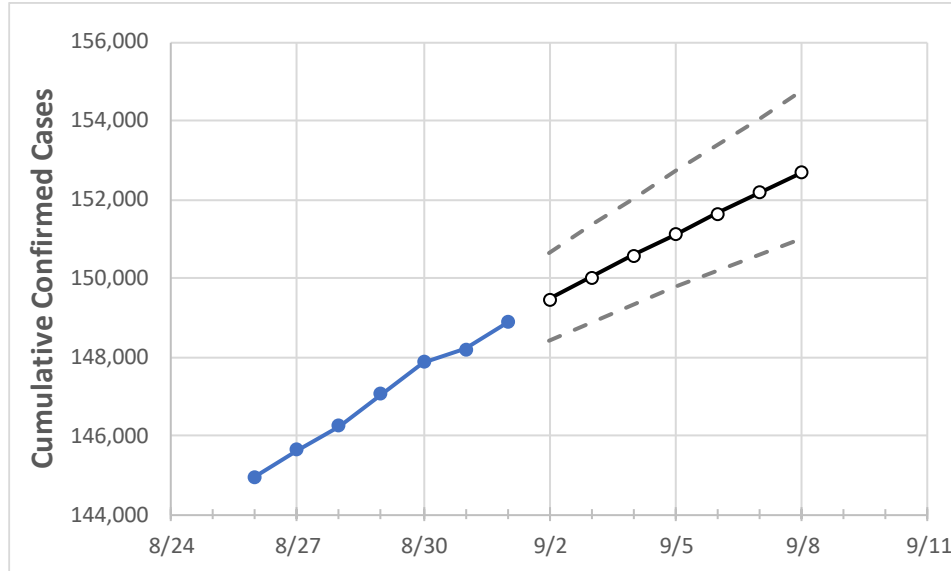
IEM's Modeling Lead

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.

Louisiana State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	8/29	8/30	8/31	9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7	9/8	
Louisiana	147,055	147,867	148,193	148,882	149,458	150,022	150,576	151,118	151,649	152,170	152,680	

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.

Louisiana Parishes

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:							
	8/29	8/30	8/31	9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7	9/8	
Ascension Parish	3,308	3,324	3,344	3,377	3,391	3,406	3,419	3,433	3,446	3,459	3,472	
Bossier Parish	2,684	2,693	2,703	2,728	2,740	2,752	2,764	2,775	2,787	2,798	2,810	
Caddo Parish	7,364	7,407	7,417	7,452	7,482	7,513	7,543	7,573	7,604	7,634	7,663	
Calcasieu Parish	7,369	7,439	7,441	7,445	7,459	7,472	7,484	7,496	7,507	7,518	7,528	
East Baton Rouge Parish	13,650	13,727	13,778	13,826	13,882	13,937	13,990	14,042	14,093	14,143	14,192	
Jefferson Parish	16,377	16,438	16,461	16,526	16,569	16,611	16,653	16,693	16,733	16,773	16,812	
Lafayette Parish	8,234	8,251	8,275	8,275	8,293	8,311	8,328	8,344	8,360	8,376	8,390	
Lafourche Parish	3,254	3,263	3,268	3,284	3,292	3,300	3,307	3,314	3,320	3,326	3,332	
Orleans Parish	11,410	11,494	11,514	11,573	11,601	11,628	11,656	11,683	11,710	11,736	11,763	
Ouachita Parish	5,455	5,468	5,481	5,509	5,525	5,540	5,555	5,568	5,582	5,594	5,606	
Rapides Parish	3,785	3,827	3,833	3,839	3,854	3,868	3,882	3,896	3,909	3,921	3,934	
St. Bernard Parish	1,227	1,233	1,238	1,242	1,248	1,254	1,260	1,266	1,273	1,279	1,285	
St. Charles Parish	1,636	1,643	1,648	1,660	1,665	1,669	1,674	1,678	1,683	1,687	1,691	
St. James Parish	758	759	761	761	762	763	764	765	765	766	767	
St. John the Baptist Parish	1,509	1,513	1,512	1,515	1,517	1,519	1,520	1,522	1,523	1,525	1,526	
St. Tammany Parish	5,989	6,037	6,053	6,087	6,108	6,129	6,149	6,168	6,187	6,205	6,222	

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.

Louisiana Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	8/29	8/30	8/31	9/1	9/3				9/5				9/7			
Ascension Parish	3,308	3,324	3,344	3,377	3,406	(681)	[163]	{82}	3,433	(687)	[165]	{82}	3,459	(692)	[166]	{83}
Bossier Parish	2,684	2,693	2,703	2,728	2,752	(550)	[132]	{66}	2,775	(555)	[133]	{67}	2,798	(560)	[134]	{67}
Caddo Parish	7,364	7,407	7,417	7,452	7,513	(1,503)	[361]	{180}	7,573	(1,515)	[364]	{182}	7,634	(1,527)	[366]	{183}
Calcasieu Parish	7,369	7,439	7,441	7,445	7,472	(1,494)	[359]	{179}	7,496	(1,499)	[360]	{180}	7,518	(1,504)	[361]	{180}
East Baton Rouge Parish	13,650	13,727	13,778	13,826	13,937	(2,787)	[669]	{334}	14,042	(2,808)	[674]	{337}	14,143	(2,829)	[679]	{339}
Jefferson Parish	16,377	16,438	16,461	16,526	16,611	(3,322)	[797]	{399}	16,693	(3,339)	[801]	{401}	16,773	(3,355)	[805]	{403}
Lafayette Parish	8,234	8,251	8,275	8,275	8,311	(1,662)	[399]	{199}	8,344	(1,669)	[401]	{200}	8,376	(1,675)	[402]	{201}
Lafourche Parish	3,254	3,263	3,268	3,284	3,300	(660)	[158]	{79}	3,314	(663)	[159]	{80}	3,326	(665)	[160]	{80}
Orleans Parish	11,410	11,494	11,514	11,573	11,628	(2,326)	[558]	{279}	11,683	(2,337)	[561]	{280}	11,736	(2,347)	[563]	{282}
Ouachita Parish	5,455	5,468	5,481	5,509	5,540	(1,108)	[266]	{133}	5,568	(1,114)	[267]	{134}	5,594	(1,119)	[269]	{134}
Rapides Parish	3,785	3,827	3,833	3,839	3,868	(774)	[186]	{93}	3,896	(779)	[187]	{93}	3,921	(784)	[188]	{94}
St. Bernard Parish	1,227	1,233	1,238	1,242	1,254	(251)	[60]	{30}	1,266	(253)	[61]	{30}	1,279	(256)	[61]	{31}
St. Charles Parish	1,636	1,643	1,648	1,660	1,669	(334)	[80]	{40}	1,678	(336)	[81]	{40}	1,687	(337)	[81]	{40}
St. James Parish	758	759	761	761	763	(153)	[37]	{18}	765	(153)	[37]	{18}	766	(153)	[37]	{18}
St. John the Baptist Parish	1,509	1,513	1,512	1,515	1,519	(304)	[73]	{36}	1,522	(304)	[73]	{37}	1,525	(305)	[73]	{37}
St. Tammany Parish	5,989	6,037	6,053	6,087	6,129	(1,226)	[294]	{147}	6,168	(1,234)	[296]	{148}	6,205	(1,241)	[298]	{149}

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