

## **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 9/8/20 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.**

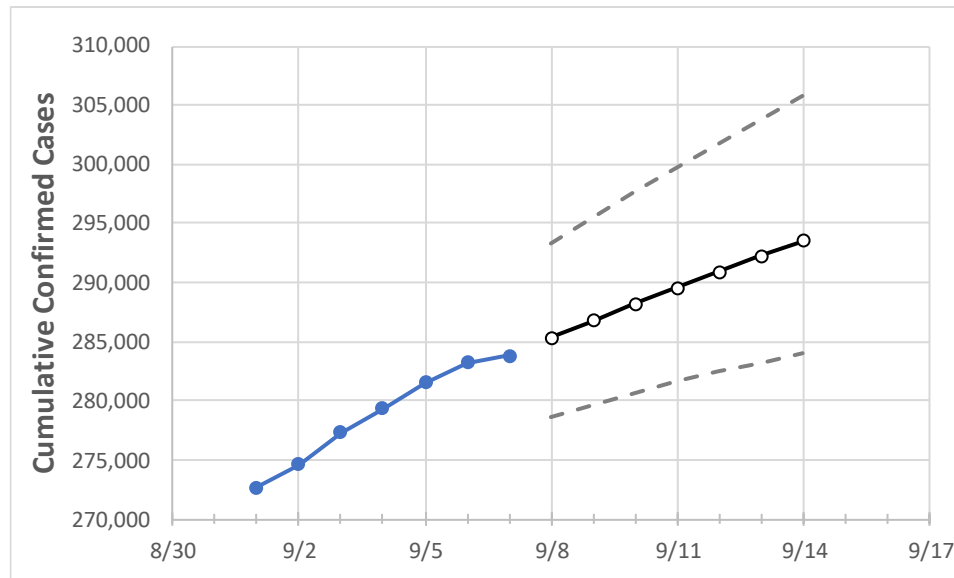
### **IEM's Modeling Lead**

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.

## Georgia State Projections



	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12	9/13	9/14
Georgia	279,354	281,548	283,199	283,807	285,303	286,760	288,179	289,560	290,906	292,217	293,494

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.

## Georgia Counties

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases For:						
	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12	9/13	9/14
Bartow	2,520	2,542	2,557	2,560	2,573	2,586	2,599	2,611	2,623	2,635	2,646
Carroll	2,404	2,424	2,434	2,439	2,452	2,465	2,478	2,491	2,503	2,516	2,528
Cherokee	5,095	5,144	5,200	5,211	5,251	5,290	5,329	5,367	5,404	5,440	5,476
Clarke	3,410	3,687	3,750	3,788	3,898	4,014	4,137	4,267	4,404	4,548	4,701
Clayton	6,618	6,647	6,664	6,671	6,691	6,709	6,727	6,743	6,759	6,774	6,788
Cobb	17,479	17,595	17,734	17,792	17,887	17,980	18,071	18,161	18,249	18,335	18,420
DeKalb	16,900	17,004	17,089	17,100	17,148	17,195	17,239	17,281	17,322	17,360	17,397
Dougherty	3,001	3,010	3,021	3,029	3,037	3,045	3,053	3,060	3,068	3,076	3,084
Douglas	3,227	3,238	3,250	3,260	3,269	3,277	3,285	3,293	3,300	3,307	3,314
Fulton	25,439	25,540	25,631	25,681	25,759	25,834	25,906	25,974	26,039	26,101	26,160
Gwinnett	24,870	25,019	25,107	25,127	25,201	25,272	25,339	25,404	25,465	25,524	25,580
Hall	8,023	8,118	8,143	8,149	8,198	8,246	8,294	8,341	8,387	8,434	8,480
Henry	4,529	4,567	4,583	4,592	4,610	4,626	4,642	4,658	4,673	4,687	4,701
Lee	641	651	654	654	656	658	660	662	664	666	668

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.

### Georgia Medical Demands by County

	Actual Confirmed Cases On:				Projected Cases (Hospitalized) [ICU] {Ventilator} For:											
	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7	9/9				9/11				9/13			
Bartow	2,520	2,542	2,557	2,560	2,586	(517)	[124]	{62}	2,611	(522)	[125]	{63}	2,635	(527)	[126]	{63}
Carroll	2,404	2,424	2,434	2,439	2,465	(493)	[118]	{59}	2,491	(498)	[120]	{60}	2,516	(503)	[121]	{60}
Cherokee	5,095	5,144	5,200	5,211	5,290	(1,058)	[254]	{127}	5,367	(1,073)	[258]	{129}	5,440	(1,088)	[261]	{131}
Clarke	3,410	3,687	3,750	3,788	4,014	(803)	[193]	{96}	4,267	(853)	[205]	{102}	4,548	(910)	[218]	{109}
Clayton	6,618	6,647	6,664	6,671	6,709	(1,342)	[322]	{161}	6,743	(1,349)	[324]	{162}	6,774	(1,355)	[325]	{163}
Cobb	17,479	17,595	17,734	17,792	17,980	(3,596)	[863]	{432}	18,161	(3,632)	[872]	{436}	18,335	(3,667)	[880]	{440}
DeKalb	16,900	17,004	17,089	17,100	17,195	(3,439)	[825]	{413}	17,281	(3,456)	[829]	{415}	17,360	(3,472)	[833]	{417}
Dougherty	3,001	3,010	3,021	3,029	3,045	(609)	[146]	{73}	3,060	(612)	[147]	{73}	3,076	(615)	[148]	{74}
Douglas	3,227	3,238	3,250	3,260	3,277	(655)	[157]	{79}	3,293	(659)	[158]	{79}	3,307	(661)	[159]	{79}
Fulton	25,439	25,540	25,631	25,681	25,834	(5,167)	[1,240]	{620}	25,974	(5,195)	[1,247]	{623}	26,101	(5,220)	[1,253]	{626}
Gwinnett	24,870	25,019	25,107	25,127	25,272	(5,054)	[1,213]	{607}	25,404	(5,081)	[1,219]	{610}	25,524	(5,105)	[1,225]	{613}
Hall	8,023	8,118	8,143	8,149	8,246	(1,649)	[396]	{198}	8,341	(1,668)	[400]	{200}	8,434	(1,687)	[405]	{202}
Henry	4,529	4,567	4,583	4,592	4,626	(925)	[222]	{111}	4,658	(932)	[224]	{112}	4,687	(937)	[225]	{112}
Lee	641	651	654	654	658	(132)	[32]	{16}	662	(132)	[32]	{16}	666	(133)	[32]	{16}

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