



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE April 21, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- STATE OF EMERGENCY: **YES** (since 3/11/2020)
- AR Major Disaster Declaration: **Fed Approval**
- AR COUNTIES (75) WITH CONFIRMED CASES: **71**
 - Counties with No Reported Positives:
Calhoun, Fulton, Little River, Montgomery

CONFIRMED CASES

- **HOSPITALIZED: 86 WITH VENTILATOR: 27**
- **HEALTHCARE WORKERS: 249 Deaths: 1**
- **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: 3
 - Federal Facility, Forrest City: 57 inmates, 9 staff
 - State Facilities
 - Little Rock: 62 inmates, 27 staff
 - Pine Bluff: **670 inmates, 10 staff**
 - In the Cummins Prison garment factory, inmates have made 32,000 masks for inmates around the state.
- **NURSING HOME CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: **29** Deaths: **8**
 - Nursing Home Residents: **135**
 - Nursing Home Workers: **84**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **SCHOOLS CLOSURE: through end of school year**
- **UNEMP BENEFITS: Over 150,000 claims have been received and processed.**
Independent Contractors: Provide your contact information to receive notification from AR Department of Workforce Services about Pandemic Unemployment Assistance they are able to receive and process your claim: www.bit.ly/3e5qZWd
- **OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: There will be immediate placement of message boards on roadways advising there is no recreational lodging in AR for those from out of state.**
- **\$\$ FOR SMALL BUSINESS: SBA has provided all funding allocated by the CARES Act; 14,803 business in AR received a total of \$2.1 Billion**
- **STATE/ NATIONAL PARKS: State parks - day visits only; Buffalo River Nat'l Park - closed**
- **PUBLIC /SOCIAL GATHERINGS: Advised: 10 or less with appropriate social distancing**
- **RESTAURANTS AND BARS: Carry-out or delivery only**
- **CURFEWS: City-wide curfews, Little Rock and Pine Bluff: 9PM-5AM**
- **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE): \$75m dedicated to PPE; The state has a need for assistance with international transport of PPE.**

Active COVID-19 Cases in AR:

Total Confirmed 4/20: **1923**

New since 4/20: **+304***

*** 262 of total at Cummins Prison**

Total Confirmed Positive to Date: 2227

Total Deaths 4/20: 42

New since 4/20: **+1**

Total Deaths to Date: 43

Executive Order: Testing Capacity

Gov Hutchinson created a working group to expand COVID-19 testing capacity in Arkansas. There is a need to increase our contact tracing ability as well as surveillance testing to get the best picture of new cases across the state.