



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE May 2, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- STATE OF EMERGENCY: **Yes** (since 3/11/2020)
- AR Major Disaster Declaration: **Fed Approval**
- AR COUNTIES (75) WITH CONFIRMED CASES: **73**

CONFIRMED CASES

- **HOSPITALIZED: 100 WITH VENTILATOR: 20**
- **HEALTHCARE WORKERS: *** Deaths: 1**
- **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: **3**
 - Federal Facility, Forrest City: **135** inmates, **12** staff
 - State Facilities
 - Little Rock: **62** inmates, **27** staff
 - Pine Bluff: **860** inmates, **51** staff
- **NURSING HOME CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: **40** Deaths: **29**
 - Nursing Home Residents: **233**
 - Nursing Home Workers: **145**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **SCHOOLS CLOSURE: through end of school year**
- **UNEMP BENEFITS: Over 170,000 claims have been filed and processed. PUA system**
- **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: Additional \$85 Million provided by the CARES Act Steering Committee for Arkansas 'Ready for Business' Grant Program, subject to legislative approval.**
- **STATE/ NATIONAL PARKS: State parks – beginning on May 1 will be open to overnight stays for in-state travelers in self-contained RVs while the bath houses will remain closed. Friday May 15 lodges and cabins will reopen; Buffalo River Nat'l Park - closed**
- **PUBLIC /SOCIAL GATHERINGS: Advised: 10 or less with appropriate social distancing**
- **RESTAURANTS AND BARS: Starting on May 11 restaurants will be able to accommodate up to 1/3 capacity for dine-in service, must follow Dept. of Health guidelines including daily staff screenings, PPE for all employees and regular disinfecting of tables and menus along with other requirements. Does not include free standing bars.**
- **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: 1312

Total Confirmed 5/1: 3321

New since 5/1: +51

Total Confirmed Positive to Date: 3372

Total Deaths 5/1: 61

New since 5/1: +3

Total Deaths to Date: 64

EARLY RELEASE FOR INMATES

Through a review of non-violent offenders who are not sex offenders and are within 6 months of their release date, 380 inmates have received an early release from AR prisons because of the COVID-19 health emergency.