



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE May 7, 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: 70 WITH VENTILATOR: 14**
- **HEALTHCARE WORKERS: *** Deaths: 1**
- **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: **3**
 - Federal Facility, Forrest City: **301** inmates, **12** staff
 - State Facilities
 - Little Rock: **62** inmates, **27** staff
 - Pine Bluff: **881** inmates, **51** staff
- **NURSING HOME CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: **47** Deaths: **34**
 - Nursing Home Residents: **266**
 - Nursing Home Workers: **149**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **UNEMP BENEFITS: Assistance for self-employed workers is open at ARunemployment.com**
- **OUT OF STATE TRAVEL: Restriction on out of state recreational travel lifted effective May 5, excluding those traveling from hot spot states.**
- **\$\$ FOR SMALL BUSINESS: \$55 million in Arkansas Ready for Business Grant Program which has applications through today at 6 pm.**
- **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.**
- **TESTING: CDC has guaranteed 90,000 test kits be provided to the state during the month of May—shipments to begin arriving this week. The state aims to do 60,000 tests over the next month.**
- **CARES ACT FUNDING: \$1.25 billion in federal funds for Arkansas**

Active COVID-19 Cases in AR: **1374**

Total Confirmed 5/6: 3568

New since 5/6: **+97**

from correctional facilities

Total Confirmed Positive to Date: **3665**

Total Deaths 5/6: 85

New since 5/6: **+3**

Total Deaths to Date: **88**

CASINOS TO REOPEN MAY 18

Arkansas casinos will be allowed to re-open beginning on May 18 at a limited 1/3 capacity along with other guidance provided by the Department of Health