



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE May 8, 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: 64 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: **896** inmates, **60** staff
- **NURSING HOME CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: **48** Deaths: **34**
 - Nursing Home Residents: **270**
 - Nursing Home Workers: **160**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **UNEMP BENEFITS: Assistance for self-employed workers is open at ARunemployment.com**
- **RESOURCE FOR BUSINESS: www.arkansasready.com launched by the Arkansas COVID19 Recovery Task Force as a resource for businesses reopening as well as consumers.**
- **\$\$ FOR SMALL BUSINESS: General Assembly approves additional \$92.7 million dollars for the "Arkansas Ready for Business" Grant Program for a total of \$147.7 million**
- **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.**
- **HOSPITALS: Elective surgeries expanded to include in-patient surgery w expected stays of up to 48 hours.**

Active COVID-19 Cases in AR: **691**

Total Confirmed 5/7: 3665

New since 5/7: **+82**

12 from correctional facilities

Total Confirmed Positive to Date: **3747**

Total Deaths 5/7: 88

New since 5/7: +0

Total Deaths to Date: **88**

RECREATIONAL POOLS AND SPLASH PADS ALLOWED TO REOPEN MAY 22

Public splash pads and recreational pools will be allowed to reopen beginning May 22 at 50% capacity with required 6-ft distancing between patrons. Those with symptoms or those who have been in contact with someone who has COVID19 will not be allowed to enter.