



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE MARCH 23, 2020

For more information please visit: <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/>
Governor's Daily Update: <https://www.youtube.com/c/GovernorAsaHutchinson/live>
State News Coverage: <https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/coronavirus/>
US Attorney's Office: [U.S. Attorney urges the public to report suspected COVID-19 fraud](#)

Recent numbers:

- State of Emergency since March 11, 2020
- Confirmed cases in 30 of 75 counties
- Largest concentration in Pulaski county (58 cases) where the State Capitol is located
- Of the 174 confirmed cases 10 are 1-18 years; 101 are 19-64; & 63 are 65+.
- 22 have been hospitalized with 14 in ICU & 6 on ventilators, 38 cases in nursing homes
- 5 have met criteria for recovery

118 cases on Saturday March 19,
+47 additional cases on Sunday 3/22
+9 additional cases today 3/23
Total Cases: 174

Steps taken in response:

- All public schools closed through April 17th
- Unemployment process expedited for those out of work
- Over \$15 Million made available to assist small businesses and non-profits through bridge loans and grant money
- Increased reimbursement for child care voucher providers
- Reducing regulatory hurdles for telemedicine to reduce the chance of transmission
- All state restaurants closed to dine-in business, carry-out only, reduced restrictions on carry out alcoholic beverages
- Statewide newspaper, The Arkansas Democrat Gazette has lowered its online payroll for COVID-19 coverage
- Little Rock city-wide curfew from 12am-5am
- Governor releases \$30 million for increased need of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care workers
- Governor urges all state businesses to have employees that are able to work from home do so, and says that all state employees deemed non-essential to continued government function will work from home
- Continued urging to practice social distancing and proper hand washing procedures

Individual income tax filing
deadline now July 15th,
corporate to remain the same

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