



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE

April 8, 2020

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- STATE OF EMERGENCY: **YES** (since 3/11/2020)
- AR Major Disaster Declaration: **Fed Approval**
- AR COUNTIES (75) WITH CONFIRMED CASES: **68**
New Counties: Franklin

CONFIRMED CASES

- NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES, BY AGE GROUP:
 - 1-18: **24**
 - 19-64: **747**
 - 65+: **252**
- NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES, BY GENDER:
 - Female: **60%**
 - Male: **40%**
- HOSPITALIZED: **76** WITH VENTILATOR: **30**
- NURSING HOME CASES: **68**
- HEALTHCARE WORKERS: **147**
16 Doctors, 47 nurses, 22 CNAs, 62 licensed, unlicensed and unknown healthcare workers

Total Confirmed 4/7: **946**
New since 4/7: **77+**
Total Confirmed Positive to Date: 1023*
Total Deaths 4/7: 18
New since 4/7: **0**
Total Deaths to Date: 18
*As of 1:30 pm today;
This number continues to change.

The AR General Assembly convened today at noon for the 2020 Fiscal Session. Joint Budget Committee members will continue to meet, throughout the weekend if necessary to get their work done. All other members are in recess until next Wednesday when they will return to vote on budget bills for final passage. They expect to adjourn next Friday.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- SCHOOLS CLOSURE: **through end of school year**
- UNEMP BENEFITS: **Expecting 150,000+ claims by end of week; In about 3 weeks, the state will be able to take applications for Department of Labor Pandemic Unemployment funds for Independent Contractors. (Requires adjusting state technology)**
- \$\$ FOR SMALL BUSINESS: **138 AR Economic Development Bridge Loans totaling \$3 million have gone out to 47 counties across the state; Governor allocates an additional \$1M for bridge loans; Small businesses can apply at their local banks for SBA Payroll Protection funding.**
- STATE/ NATIONAL PARKS: **As of 4/3, state parks will allow day visits only and close overflow parking areas; Buffalo River Nat'l Park - closed**
- TELEMEDICINE: **Regulations eased; major insurers expanding telemedicine benefits**
- 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.**