



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE April 29, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

CONFIRMED CASES

- HOSPITALIZED: **93** WITH VENTILATOR: **18**
- HEALTHCARE WORKERS: **340** Deaths: **1**
- CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CONFIRMED CASES
 - Number of Locations: **3**
 - Federal Facility, Forrest City: **87** inmates, **12** staff
 - State Facilities
 - Little Rock: **62** inmates, **27** staff
 - Pine Bluff: **860** inmates, **51** staff
- NURSING HOME CONFIRMED CASES
 - Number of Locations: **37**
 - Nursing Home Residents: **219**
 - Nursing Home Workers: **128**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- SCHOOLS CLOSURE: **through end of school year**
- UNEMP BENEFITS: **Over 170,000** claims have been filed and processed.
- 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: **SBA has provided all funding allocated by the CARES Act; 14,803** business in AR received a total of **\$2.1 Billion**
- 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: 1884

Total Confirmed 4/28: 3111

New since 4/28: **+81**

Total Confirmed Positive to Date: 3129

Total Deaths 4/28: 52

New since 4/28: **+7**

Total Deaths to Date: 59

ARKANSAS READY FOR BUSINESS \$15 M GRANT PROGRAM

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is proposing a grant program to offer up to \$100,000 to businesses to assist in expenses related to reopening businesses in a way that provides consumer confidence.