



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE May 26, 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: 107 WITH VENTILATOR: 18**
- **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: **3**
 - Federal Facility, Forrest City: **622** inmates, **16** staff
 - State Facilities
 - Little Rock: **62** inmates, **27** staff
 - Pine Bluff: **900** inmates, **60** staff
- **NURSING HOME CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: **51** Deaths: **34**
 - Nursing Home Residents: **361**
 - Nursing Home Workers: **215**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **UNEMP BENEFITS: PUA checks continue to be sent out to over 15,000 claimants totaling \$16.8 million. There are an additional 10,000 who are eligible who have not filed a claim.**
- **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: 8,198 AR Ready for Business Grants have been approved and will begin paying out over the weekend.**
- **STATE/ NATIONAL PARKS: State parks – beginning on May 1 will be open to overnight stay. Most State Parks as well as trails on National Parks have been reopened, check the State Parks [website](#) for a full list of trails and parks.**
- **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.**
- **TESTING: The state's goal of testing 60,000 people in the month of May was surpassed over the weekend and the plan is going to continue ramping up testing numbers.**

Active COVID-19 Cases in AR: 1729

Total Confirmed 5/25: 6029

New since 5/25: +151

*1 from correctional facilities

Total Confirmed Positive to Date: 6180

Total Deaths 5/25: 117

New since 5/25: +2

Total Deaths to Date: 119

DR. NATE SMITH GOING TO CDC Secretary Smith, AR Department of Health is leaving at the end of August to accept a position with the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta; Dr. Jose Romero will serve as interim Secretary.