



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE May 29, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- STATE OF EMERGENCY: **Yes** (since 3/11/2020)
- AR COUNTIES (75) WITH CONFIRMED CASES: **74**

CONFIRMED CASES

- **HOSPITALIZED: 113 WITH VENTILATOR: 24**
- **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**
 - Nursing Home Residents: **384**
 - Nursing Home Workers: **247**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **UNEMP BENEFITS:** The state is continuing to process unemployment benefits for individuals who had 'employee' status and pandemic unemployment assistance for individuals who had 'independent contractor' status.
- **RESOURCE FOR BUSINESS:** The state is continuing to process loans for small businesses that applied for Arkansas Ready for Business Grants.
- **STATE/ NATIONAL PARKS:** State Parks are fully opened and available for overnight visitors. Check the State Parks [website](#) for a full list of trails and parks.
- **PUBLIC /SOCIAL GATHERINGS:** Guidance is to continue to observe social distancing, wearing masks, and frequent handwashing.
- **RESTAURANTS AND BARS:** Restaurants and bars in the state are allowed to operate with a maximum of 1/3 capacity for dine-in customers.
- **TESTING:** The state surpassed the goal of testing over 60,000 during the month of May. Since testing began in March, 117,076 tests have been administered.

Active COVID-19 Cases in AR: **1699**

Total Confirmed 5/28: 6538

New since 5/28: **+239**

Total Confirmed Positive to Date: **6777**

Total Deaths 5/28: 125

New since 5/28: **+7**

Total Deaths to Date: **132**

ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Testing and tracing should be high priority for CARES Act funding
- COVID-19 Liability Concerns should be addressed
- Increased resources funding and availability for childcare
- Workforce training should continue to be a priority
- Broadband access in rural areas of the state should be improved and continue to increase funding