



## ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE May 4, 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: 91 WITH VENTILATOR: 16**
- **HEALTHCARE WORKERS: \*\*\* Deaths: 1**
- **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CONFIRMED CASES**
  - Number of Locations: **3**
  - Federal Facility, Forrest City: **172** inmates, **12** staff
  - State Facilities
    - Little Rock: **62** inmates, **27** staff
    - Pine Bluff: **873** inmates, **51** staff
- **NURSING HOME CONFIRMED CASES**
  - Number of Locations: **45** Deaths: **31**
  - Nursing Home Residents: **245**
  - Nursing Home Workers: **147**

### OTHER INFORMATION:

- **SCHOOLS CLOSURE: through end of school year**
- **UNEMP BENEFITS: PUA applications for self-employed worker benefits open very soon.**
- **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: \$55 million in Arkansas Ready for Business Grant Program which opens tomorrow morning at 8 AM.**
- **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.**

### Active COVID-19 Cases in AR: **1362**

Total Confirmed 5/3: 3431

New since 5/3: **+27**

### Total Confirmed Positive to Date: **3458**

Total Deaths 5/3: 76

New since 5/3: **+5**

### Total Deaths to Date: **81**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Worship Services:** effective today, encouraging continued online service but releasing guidance for in person services

**Large outdoor venues:** effective today, 12 foot distance between performers or players with fewer than 50 players/performers and less than 50 in crowd, 6 foot distancing between attendees, face coverings and hand sanitizing stations required.

**Indoor Venues:** effective May 18 with similar requirements as outdoor venues

See full guidance provided by the AR Department of Health