



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE April 18, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- STATE OF EMERGENCY: **YES** (since 3/11/2020)
- AR Major Disaster Declaration: **Fed Approval**
- AR COUNTIES (75) WITH CONFIRMED CASES: **71**
 - Counties with No Reported Positives:
Calhoun, Fulton, Little River, Montgomery

CONFIRMED CASES

- **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: 3
 - Federal Facility, Forrest City: 57 inmates, 9 staff
 - State Facilities
 - Little Rock: 62 inmates, 27 staff
 - Pine Bluff: **230** inmates
 - In the Cummins Prison garment factory, inmates have made **32,000** masks for inmates around the state.
- **NURSING HOME CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: **28** Deaths: **7**
 - Nursing Home Residents: **116**
 - Nursing Home Workers: **80**
- **HOSPITALIZED: 86 WITH VENTILATOR: 22**
- **HEALTHCARE WORKERS: 228**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- SCHOOLS CLOSURE: **through end of school year**
- UNEMP BENEFITS: **Over 150,000** claims have been received and processed.
Independent Contractors: Provide your contact information to receive notification from AR Department of Workforce Services about Pandemic Unemployment Assistance they are able to receive and process your claim: www.bit.ly/3e5qZWd
- 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 - day visits only; Buffalo River Nat'l Park - closed**
- 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.**

Active COVID-19 Cases in AR: 998

Total Confirmed 4/17: **1695**
New since 4/17: **+44**

(Increased numbers at prisons not included)

Total Confirmed Positive to Date: 1739

Total Deaths 4/17: **37**
New since 4/17: **+1**

Total Deaths to Date: 38

Funding for Rural Hospitals

- AR Economic Development has coordinated **\$10 million** in financial assistance grants to rural hospitals.
- **27** hospitals have received grants from **\$250,000 to \$500,000** each.
- **UAMS** received **\$500,000** to support telehealth in rural locations.