



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE April 15, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- STATE OF EMERGENCY: **YES** (since 3/11/2020)
- AR Major Disaster Declaration: **Fed Approval**
- AR COUNTIES (75) WITH CONFIRMED CASES: **70**

CONFIRMED CASES

- NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES, BY AGE GROUP:
 - 1-18: **
 - 19-64: ***
 - 65+: ***
- **NURSING HOME CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: 28
 - Nursing Home Residents: 98
 - Nursing Home Workers: 88
 - Number of deaths: 7
- HOSPITALIZED: **83** WITH VENTILATOR: **26**
- **HEALTHCARE WORKERS: 215**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- SCHOOLS CLOSURE: **through end of school year**
- UNEMP BENEFITS: **Checks are going out to claimants. Independent Contractors: Provide your contact information to receive notification from AR Department of Workforce Services that they are able to receive and process your claim:**
https://arkansasdws.formstack.com/forms/pua_information?fbclid=IwAR01PEIwJxNXvjUaUMpht4Gq12kWH6ghaiFC_NTNJN7NaCHAQWC9tfzn9FE
- 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: **172 AR Economic Development Bridge Loans totaling \$3.5 million have gone out to 50 counties across the state; Small businesses can apply at their local banks for SBA Payroll Protection funding.**
- 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:

Total Confirmed 4/14: **1498**

New since 4/14: **+71**

Total Confirmed Positive to Date: 1569

Total Deaths 4/14: 32

New since 4/14: **+1**

Total Deaths to Date: 33

MORE PAY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

- Waiver approved to temporarily increase the weekly income of direct care workers (including enhanced payments for those working with COVID19 positive patients) in long term care facilities and settings.
- CARES Act Steering Committee is being asked to increase the pay for direct care workers in hospitals ; and non-direct care workers in hospitals and long term care facilities and settings.