



ARKANSAS COVID-19 UPDATE April 27, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- STATE OF EMERGENCY: **YES** (since 3/11/2020)
- AR Major Disaster Declaration: **Fed Approval**
- AR COUNTIES (75) WITH CONFIRMED CASES: **72**

CONFIRMED CASES

- **HOSPITALIZED: 109 WITH VENTILATOR: 25**
- **HEALTHCARE WORKERS: 316** Deaths: 1
- **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: **3**
 - Federal Facility, Forrest City: **79** inmates, **11** staff
 - State Facilities
 - Little Rock: **62** inmates, **27** staff
 - Pine Bluff: **856** inmates, **50** staff
- **NURSING HOME CONFIRMED CASES**
 - Number of Locations: **37** Deaths: **12**
 - Nursing Home Residents: **203**
 - Nursing Home Workers: **115**

OTHER INFORMATION:

- **SCHOOLS CLOSURE: through end of school year**
- **UNEMP BENEFITS: Over 170,000 claims have been filed and processed, AEDC has approved 246 bridge loans for AR small businesses totaling \$5M resulting in saving over 3500 jobs. Governor Hutchinson approved an additional \$1M to cover remaining qualifying applications. Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program (for independent contractors) should be running by the end of this month.**
- **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:

Total Confirmed 4/26: 2941

New since 4/26: **+76**

* 16 of new cases at Cummins Prison

Total Confirmed Positive to Date: 3017

Total Deaths 4/26: 48

New since 4/26: **+2**

Total Deaths to Date: 50

Result of 2 day testing surge campaign:

The state was able to complete over 1500 tests for both of the surge testing days over the weekend. The positivity rate was 7.9% on Friday, 4.8% on Saturday and 1.8% on Sunday

New Drive thru testing center at Walmart in Little Rock:

In partnership with Quest Labs, Walmart has set up an additional drive thru testing center for healthcare workers and those with symptoms.