



# CORONAVIRUS

## UPDATE

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## COVID-19 Update, 4\15

April 15, 2020 | [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://arkmed.org/covid19)

**Status Update as of 4\15, from ADH Website:**

[View the ADH COVID-19 Dashboard here.](#)

It will be updated four times a day.

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 1569
- Active cases - 1047
- Recovered patients - 489
- Deaths - 33
- Patients in the hospital - 83
- Patients on ventilators - 26
- Healthcare workers - 215

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### ADH Directive Regarding Prohibition of the Use of Non-FDA Approved Serologic Tests for the Diagnosis of COVID-19

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) has learned that some manufacturers of serologic tests for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies are falsely claiming that their serological tests are FDA approved/authorized, or that they can diagnose COVID-19.

The ADH prohibits the use of SARS-CoV-serologic tests that have not been FDA approved through the EUA process or that have not received written approval by the Secretary of Health. Further, the ADH prohibits the use of all serologic assays, including rapid point of care devices, outside of CLIA-certified laboratories or settings.

[Click here to read the entire directive.](#)

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**FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program**

On April 2, the Federal Communications Commission adopted the COVID-19 Telehealth Program that will provide \$200 million in funding, appropriated by Congress as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, to help health care providers provide connected care services to patients at their homes or mobile locations in response to the novel Coronavirus 2019 disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

The COVID-19 Telehealth Program will provide immediate support to eligible health care providers responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by fully funding their telecommunications services, information services, and devices necessary to provide critical connected care services until the program's funds have been expended or the COVID-19 pandemic has ended.

Learn more at <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-19-telehealth-program>

## PPE Requests

If your clinic does not have PPE and is unable to obtain what you need from your normal supplier, [complete the online form](#).

## Financial Assistance

We've compiled all of the financial resources that you may need for your clinic or practice during the COVID-19 crisis at <https://www.arkmed.org/financial-assistance-during-covid-19/>.

## Telemedicine

View the latest information from insurance carriers, HIPAA, and other sources on telemedicine during the COVID-19 crisis at [ARKMED.org/telemedicine](https://www.arkmed.org/telemedicine).

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## Got Questions? Let Us Help.

The Arkansas Medical Society is here to serve our physician members and their medical teams. On our website, we have a place that you can send us questions or share what you're experiencing. Visit [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19) and click on the Got Questions box. We will respond to your question as soon as possible. Thank you for your hard work and together we will make it through this crisis.

For more AMS COVID-19 Resources, visit [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19).

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