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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

CDC

COVID-19 Update, 4\8

April 8, 2020 | [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19)

Status Update as of 4\8, from ADH Website:

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

It will be updated four times a day.

- Confirmed cases in Arkansas - 1023
- Deaths - 18
- Recovered patients - 208
- Patients in the hospital - 76
- Patients on ventilators - 30
- Patients in nursing homes - 68
- Healthcare workers - 140 (16 are physicians)

Need Face Shields? Place Your Order with Largeprinting.com

Largeprinting.com is a digital design company from Kansas that operates several large format printers, as well as large format digital cutters. Recent events have caused them to refocus their resources, and they wanted to use their facilities and expertise to help with the PPE shortage, specifically face

shields.

The face shields are made using clear PETG for the shield, and the visor is lined with foam for comfort. Cord locks for the nylon rope make it easy to adjust for fit. The shields can last about week with sanitization, and replacement shields available to order as well.

Largeprinting.com can produce around 1000 face shields a day and ships orders within a few days.

To order or learn more, visit kcfaceshields.com or call 816-221-2434.

UnitedHealthcare and Optum to Accelerate Payments

UnitedHealthcare and Optum have announced it is taking steps immediately to accelerate payments and other financial support to health care providers in the U.S. to help address the short-term financial pressure caused by the COVID-19 emergency.

The decision to accelerate claims and incentive payments builds on previously adopted measures taken by the company to streamline processes for health care professionals and facilities, as well as to help members more easily access the care they need. This includes:

- Suspension of prior authorization requirements to a post-acute care setting
- Suspension of prior authorization requirements when a member transfers to a new provider
- Extension of timely filing deadlines for claims during the COVID-19 public health emergency period for Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, and Individual and Group Market health plans
- Implementation of provisional credentialing to make it easier for out-of-network care providers who are licensed independent practitioners to participate in one or more of our networks.

UnitedHealth Group's move to accelerate claim payments to medical and behavioral care providers applies to UnitedHealthcare's fully insured commercial, Medicare Advantage and Medicaid businesses. Other financial support currently includes the provision for up to \$125 million in small business loans to clinical operators with whom OptumHealth is partnered.

Providers should go to www.UHCprovider.com for specifics on UnitedHealthcare policies and guidelines.

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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