

COVID-19 Update, 5\1

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Status Update as of 5\1, from ADH Website:

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

It will be updated four times a day.

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 3321
- Active cases - 1284
- Recovered patients - 1973
- Deaths - 64
- Patients in the hospital - 95
- Patients on ventilators - 23
- Healthcare workers - This information was not released today.

CMS Increasing Payments for Audio-Only Telephone Visits

From the American Medical Association:

In response to efforts by organized medicine, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced this afternoon that they will be increasing payments for audio-only telephone visits between Medicare beneficiaries and their physicians to match payments for similar office and outpatient visits. This would increase payments for these services from a range of about \$14-\$41 to about \$46-\$110, and the payments are retroactive to March 1, 2020.

This is a major victory for medicine that will enable physicians to care for their patients, especially their elderly patients with chronic conditions who may not have access to audio-visual technology or high speed Internet.

Vetted Non-Traditional Suppliers Offering PPE and Other Services

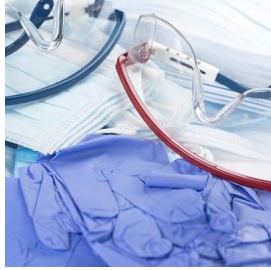
The Association for Health Care Resource & Materials Management (AHRMM) of the American Hospital Association is vetting non-traditional suppliers offering PPE supplies. You can browse by PPE, other suppliers, test kits, swabs, or services, and all vendors meet several metrics for satisfaction.

[View the AHRMM PPE Vendors here.](#)

PPE Requests

Telemedicine

Financial Help



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



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)



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/>.

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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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