



## COVID-19 Update, 5\12

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### Status Update as of 5\12, from ADH Website:

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

It will be updated four times a day.

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 4164
- Active cases - 849
- Recovered patients - 3220
- Deaths - 95
- Patients in the hospital - 59
- Patients on ventilators - 12
- Healthcare workers - This information was not released today.

### Remdesivir Available for Hospitalized COVID Patients

Remdesivir, an anti-viral drug with in vitro effectiveness against COVID-19, has been released from the manufacturer Gilead Sciences under emergency use authorization for hospitalized patients with COVID-19 infection. It is being distributed through federal offices directly to state health departments.

Arkansas will receive approximately 50 courses of Remdesivir today (5\12). The drug will be distributed to hospitals in the state that are currently treating COVID-19 patients and to some other geographically strategic hospitals.

Guidelines for use have been released at <https://www.gilead.com/remdesivir> and pharmacy and therapeutics committees and infection control committees at individual facilities will be encouraged to follow those guidelines for use in their institutions.

### Arkansas Insurance Department Issues 45-Day Moratorium Against Policy Cancellations

The Arkansas Insurance Department has issued a statement granting a 45-day moratorium against cancellation of insurance policies for those diagnosed with COVID-19 or those experiencing a work disruption due to the virus. However, this is not an automatic extension. Affected policy holders must request this extension from their insurance carriers.

[Read the entire statement here.](#)



View our updated information on personal protective equipment at [ARKMED.org/ppe](https://www.arkmed.org/ppe) or visit [arkansasready.com/ppe](https://arkansasready.com/ppe) for Arkansas PPE vendors.



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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