

COVID-19 Update, 5\15

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Status Update as of 5\15, from ADH Website:

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

It will be updated four times a day.

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 4463
- Active cases - 975
- Recovered patients - 3390
- New cases since 5\14 - 97
- Deaths - 98
- Patients in the hospital - 65
- Patients on ventilators - 9
- Healthcare workers - This information was not released today.



AMS Says Thank You in New Public Service Announcement

Two simple words can say so much...Thank You! To all of our friends and colleagues on the front lines, we see you and you are appreciated.

[View the public service announcement here.](#)

48-Hour Testing Rule Revised

Dr. Nate Smith from the Arkansas Department of Health announced today the requirement to have a negative COVID-19 NAAT test within 48 hours prior to the elective procedure is modified to extend the timeframe for a negative test to within 72 hours prior to the elective procedure. A negative COVID-19 test result within 48 hours prior to the procedure is still strongly encouraged if at all possible.

[Read the directive here.](#)

ABCBS Extends COVID-19 Measures Through July 25, 2020

AMS has been notified that telemedicine and other billing policies implemented for the emergency declaration have been extended through 7/25/20.

ADH Memo on Testing Supplies

Clinics wishing to utilize the ADH lab for COVID-19 testing will need to order testing supplies directly from AHD.

[Read the ADH testing supplies memo here.](#)

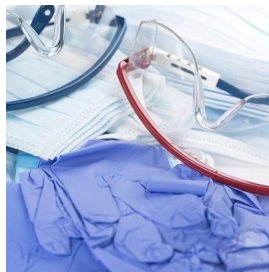
To order supplies, [click here.](#)

ADH Free N95 Decontamination Program

The Arkansas Department of Health has been working with State and Federal departments, industry partners, and healthcare facilities to bring the Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System™ to Arkansas. This is a self-contained, mobile decontamination system that uses vapor phase hydrogen peroxide (VPHP) to decontaminate N95 respirator masks. [Read the ADH announcement here.](#)

For more information, read the [Fact Sheet](#) or [How It Works Guide](#).

PPE



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

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)

Financial Resources



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/>.

Join our COVID-19 Mailing List

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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