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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

CDC

COVID-19 Update, 5\18

May 18, 2020 | [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://arkmed.org/covid19)

Status Update as of 5\18, from ADH Website:

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

It will be updated four times a day.

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 4813
- Active cases - 1068
- Recovered patients - 3645
- New cases since 5\17- 54
- Deaths - 100
- Patients in the hospital - 77
- Patients on ventilators - 12

CMS Telephone Evaluation and Management Visits

The March 30 **Interim Final Rule with Comment Period** added coverage during the Public Health Emergency for audio-only telephone evaluation and management visits (CPT codes 99441, 99442, and 99443) retroactive to March 1. On April 30, a new Physician Fee Schedule was implemented increasing the payment rate for these codes. Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) will reprocess claims for those services that they previously denied and/or paid at the lower rate.

There are also a number of add on services (CPT codes 90785, 90833, 90836, 90838, 96160, 96161, 99354, 99355, and G0506) which Medicare may have denied during this Public Health Emergency. MACs will reprocess those claims for dates of service on or after March 1. You do not need to do anything.

[Read more here.](#)

FDA Concerned Over Possible Accuracy with Abbott ID NOW Point-of-Care Test

According to the American Medical Society on Thursday (5/14), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an alert warning that Abbott Laboratories' rapid COVID-19 tests may deliver false negative results. The alert comes after multiple [studies](#) have

raised questions about the test's accuracy. FDA said the test can still be used, but negative results may need to be confirmed with a separate molecular test.

[Read more here.](#)

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/>.

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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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