

COVID-19 Update, 5\26

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Status Update as of 5\26, from ADH Website:

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

It will be updated four times a day.

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 6180
- Active cases - 1729
- Recovered patients - 4332
- New cases since 5\25 - 151
- Deaths - 119
- Patients in the hospital - 107
- Patients on ventilators - 18

TAKE OUR SURVEY!

The American Medical Association (AMA) and the Arkansas Medical Society (AMS) are asking physicians to answer an 8-10 minute survey so that we can better meet your needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will be utilizing the results of this survey to advocate on your behalf, and on behalf of your patients, to ensure that physicians in Arkansas and across the nation have the resources and support they need to navigate the weeks and months ahead.

We will share the results of this survey with you, and also hope to communicate the progress we are able to make with legislators, regulators and other stakeholders on your behalf.

Results to numerical questions will only be presented in aggregate, and open-ended comments we might highlight will not include any identifying information.

[Click here to take the survey.](#) Feel free to contact [Emily Carroll](#) at the AMA or [Scott Smith](#) at the AMS with any questions.

New Directive on Elective Procedures, Phase III

Effective Monday, May 25, the Arkansas Department of Health has further revised the Directive on Resuming Elective Procedures. The new directive increases the anesthesia rating to IV, removes restrictions on hospital length of stay, allows limited visitation, and establishes criteria for exemptions from the testing requirement. [Read the revised directive here.](#)

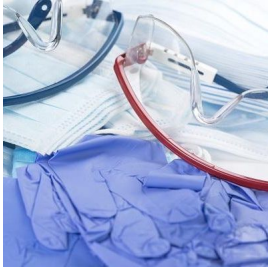


Exposed COVID-19 Persons with Negative Test Still Must

Complete 14-Day Quarantine

It is important to understand that a negative COVID-19 test for a person who is a contact does not change the requirement for them to complete the 14-day quarantine. The 14-day period allows for adequate time to monitor for the development of symptoms during the full incubation period of the virus. A negative test in an exposed person during this period may be a false negative, as the virus may have been present but not yet at detectable levels. Asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic persons have been shown to contribute to the transmission of COVID-19, so ending the 14-day quarantine early puts others at risk.

Therefore, a negative COVID-19 test during a person's 14-day quarantine does not provide an early or total release from quarantine. All persons must complete a full 14-day self-quarantine when they have been exposed to a known case. Please share widely with your staff, especially those who provide COVID-19 results to patients.

[Read more here.](#)

<p>PPE</p>  <p>View our updated information on personal protective equipment at ARKMED.org/ppe or visit arkansasready.com/ppe for Arkansas PPE vendors.</p>	<p>Telemedicine</p>  <p>View the latest information from insurance carriers, HIPAA, and other sources on telemedicine during the COVID-19 crisis at ARKMED.org/telemedicine</p>	<p>Financial Resources</p>  <p>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/.</p>
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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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