

COVID-19 Update, 5/6

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Status Update as of 5/6, from ADH Website:

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

It will be updated four times a day.

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 3568
- Active cases - 1374
- Recovered patients - 2109
- Deaths - 85
- Patients in the hospital - 69
- Patients on ventilators - 14
- Healthcare workers - This information was not released today.

New Shipment of PPE

Clinics that have requested help in getting PPE are being notified of a new shipment of face shields and 3-ply masks. As more product becomes available, AMS is having to adapt to new ways of getting the products delivered.

Moving forward, clinics in the Little Rock and surrounding counties are being asked to pick up their supply at the AMS office. Clinics outside of central Arkansas have the option of picking up in person or AMS will ship by mail, with the clinic paying only for the cost of postage.

ADH Public Health Laboratory to Perform Preoperative Testing

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Public Health Laboratory (PHL) is offering to perform preoperative SARS-CoV-2 testing when no other laboratory (reference or hospital) resource can be identified. The information below is provided to inform users of this option:

1. Physicians and institutions are strongly encouraged to use reference or local hospital laboratories for pre-operative testing SARS-CoV-2 on weekdays.
2. The ADH PHL will perform SARS-CoV-2 testing on weekends and weekdays.
3. Referring physicians and institutions are responsible for arranging delivery of specimens to be tested to the ADH PHL. The ADH has courier service from local health units (LHU) to the PHL. If needed, this should be arranged by contacting the LHU in advance of the day(s) of need.
4. Specimens should arrive in the PHL by midday Saturday or Sunday.

- Specimens arriving after that time will be processed the following day.
5. While every attempt will be made to provide a 24-hour turn-around-time for the results of pre-operative testing SARS-CoV-2, testing of specimens obtained from an outbreak investigation or congregate living setting may supersede the latter.
 6. Questions regarding the above can be directed to Dr. James Bledsoe at 479-685-5393.

AFMC Webinar - Implementing Telehealth: How to Boost Telehealth and In-Office Patient Visits During COVID-19

What: Panel Discussion
When: Friday, May 8
Noon - 1 p.m. CDT

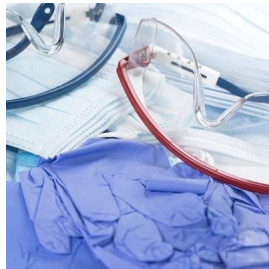
Telemedicine and virtual care have rapidly become critical factors in providing care for your patients. Join us for an interactive panel discussion with industry peers to learn how they are increasing patient visits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Topics will include:

- Preparing your patients for telehealth visits.
- Keeping your patients compliant for chronic care management.
- How to ease patient fears for in-office visits.
- Making sure children receive immunizations and well-child visits.
- Addressing health disparities with bi-lingual communications.

[Register here!](#)

PPE



View our updated information on personal protective equipment at [ARKMED.org/ppe](https://www.arkmed.org/ppe).

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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