



COVID-19 Update, 5\7

May 7, 2020 | [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://arkmed.org/covid19)

Status Update as of 5\7, from ADH Website:

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

It will be updated four times a day.

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 3665
- Active cases - 710
- Recovered patients - 2867
- Deaths - 88
- Patients in the hospital - 70
- Patients on ventilators - 14
- Healthcare workers - This information was not released today.



The AMS staff has mailed out PPE to over 200 clinics this week, and we're not slowing down. We're continuing to work to get medical clinics the supplies they need and more is on the way!

CMS Update on Waivers and Flexibilities

CMS recently released an Interim Final Rule with Comment Period (IFC) building on the agency's efforts to give the American healthcare system maximum flexibility to respond to COVID-19.

[To get a complete list of changes for physicians and other clinicians, read the CMS Clinic Fact Sheet here.](#)

HHS Extends Deadline for Attestation, Acceptance of Terms and Conditions for Provider Relief Fund Payments to 45 Days

The Department of Health and Human Services has extended the deadline for healthcare providers to attest to receipt of payments from the Provider Relief Fund and accept the [Terms and Conditions](#). Providers will now have 45 days, increased from 30 days, from the date they receive a payment to attest and accept the Terms and Conditions or return the funds. As an example, the initial 30-day deadline for providers who received payment on April 10, 2020, is extended to May 24 from May 9, 2020. With the extension, not returning the payment within 45 days of receipt of payment will be viewed as acceptance of the Terms and Conditions

Visit hhs.gov/providerrelief for more information on the allocations.

Aegis Sciences Lab Available to Assist with Testing

Aegis Sciences is a Nashville-based national forensic toxicology and healthcare laboratory providing COVID-19 diagnostic testing. They are completing the process of ramping its total capacity to 7,000 tests per day with an average 24-hour turnaround time. [Read more about Aegis Sciences COVID-19 Testing here.](#)

For more information and details about how you can access Aegis's COVID-19 testing service, visit www.aegislabs.com, email COVIDtest@aegislabs.com or call 615-99COVID (615-992-6843).

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

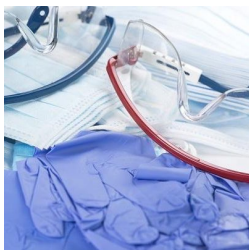
Telemedicine and virtual care have rapidly become critical factors in providing care for your patients. Join us for an interactive panel discussion with industry peers to learn how they are increasing patient visits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Telemedicine



View the latest information from insurance carriers, HIPAA, and other sources on telemedicine during the COVID-19 crisis at 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 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.

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