



# CORONAVIRUS

## UPDATE

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## COVID-19 Update, 6/15

June 15, 2020 | [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19)

### Status Update as of 6/15 from ADH Website:

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

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 12,917
- Active cases - 4,383
- Recovered patients - 8,352
- New cases since 6/14 - 416
- Deaths - 182
- Patients in the hospital - 206
- Patients on ventilators - 49

### Governor Issues Executive Orders on Liability and Workers Compensation Coverage

Today, Governor Asa Hutchinson signed three executive orders regarding liability during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The [first order](#) grants businesses in Arkansas immunity from civil liability as a result of exposure from COVID-19, as long as the business complies with public health directives outlined.

The [second order](#) provides medical immunity to health care workers and providers, allowing them to use the crisis standards of care to treat COVID-19 patients, but does not extend immunity to willful, reckless, or intentional misconduct. This new executive order is similar to previous executive orders designed to limit liability of physicians and other health care providers.

The [third order](#) outlines that COVID-19 is considered an occupational disease under Workers Compensation coverage, but there must be a causal connection between employment and the disease.

All of the executive orders are extended through the duration of the public health emergency.

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## **Hydroxychloroquine Not Recommended for COVID-19 Treatment**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced the removal of Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA) for chloroquine (CQ) and hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) to treat COVID-19. The announcement follows the FDA's determination that CQ and HCQ are unlikely effective treatments for COVID-19.

In addition, the FDA further indicated the potential benefit does not outweigh the potential serious cardiovascular events and other adverse effects that can be caused by CQ and HCQ.<sup>2</sup>

Read the ADH Updated Guidance [here](#).

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## **Feedback Needed for Infection Prevention and Control Training Initiative**

The American Medical Association (AMA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are collaborating on an infection prevention and control training initiative for frontline health care personnel. In order for this training to be as responsive to the needs of physicians as possible, we are asking you to complete this survey on infection prevention and control training interests, needs, and preferences.

The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Responses will be used to inform decisions on the development and delivery of training to ensure it best meets the needs of you and your colleagues. The survey will be "live" until **11:59 ET on June 23, 2020** or until the survey receives 10,000

responses.

[Take the survey here.](#)

## PPE



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