



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

CDC

COVID-19 Update, 6/19

June 19, 2020 | [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://arkmed.org/covid19)

Status Update as of 6/19 from ADH Website:

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

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 14,631
- Active cases - 4,705
- Recovered patients - 9,712
- New cases since 6/18 - 703
- Deaths - 214
- Patients in the hospital - 231
- Patients on ventilators - 57

Return to Work Guidance for COVID-19 Infected or Exposed Healthcare Personnel

ADH has issued updated guidance on the decisions regarding when healthcare personnel (HCP), who have potential exposure to patients with COVID-19 in the healthcare setting, may return to work. This would also apply to clinic staff exposures to an infected co-worker.

[Click here to read the guidance.](#)

Provider Relief Fund Update

Last week, HHS launched an application [portal](#) to distribute \$15 billion in CARES Act Provider Relief Fund payments to eligible Medicaid and CHIP physicians and organizations. The payment will be at least 2 percent of reported gross revenue from patient care, and the final amount will be determined based on submitted data, including the number of Medicaid patients served. Eligible physicians and organizations have until July 20, 2020, to submit their application and report other necessary information, such as annual patient revenue data.

HHS is hosting two webcasts at 2 pm EST on Tuesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 25 for physicians and other health care professionals who

are interested in learning more about the application process. [Registration](#) is required.

Please find answers to two relevant questions posted in the FAQs on June 12, 2020.

Q: Why is there a new Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal?

A: Portal will initially be used for new submissions from Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers seeking payments under the Provider Relief Fund starting Wednesday, June 10, 2020. At this time, this portal will serve as the point of entry for providers who have received Medicaid and CHIP payments in 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020 and who have not already received any payments from the \$50 billion Provider Relief Fund General Distribution.

Q: What is the difference between the first Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal and the Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal for the Medicaid Targeted Distribution?

A: The first Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal was used for providers who received a General Distribution payment prior to Friday, April 24th. These providers were required to submit financial information in order to receive approximately 2% of gross revenues derived from patient care.

HHS has developed the new Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal for providers who did not receive payments under the previous General Distribution, including those providers who bill Medicaid and CHIP (e.g., pediatricians, long-term care, and behavioral health providers.)

Free N95 Decontamination Program

Earlier in May, the Arkansas Department of Health launched the Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System™ in Arkansas. This is a self-contained, mobile decontamination system that uses vapor phase hydrogen peroxide (VPH) to decontaminate N95 respirator masks.

[Read the ADH announcement here.](#)

For more information, read the [Fact Sheet](#) or [How It Works Guide](#).

More PPE Available for Clinics



We've received another shipment of PPE for medical clinics. If you are still in need, [fill out our form](#) and we'll see how we can help. (If you have received PPE previously, please fill out a new form). Thank you for letting AMS serve you and your medical teams during this pandemic!

PPE

Telemedicine

Financial Resources



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



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)



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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