



COVID-19 Update, 7/1

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Status Update as of 7/1 from ADH Website:

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

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 21,197
- Active cases - 5,757
- Recovered patients - 15,163
- New cases since 6/30 - 420
- Deaths - 277
- Patients in the hospital - 275
- Patients on ventilators - 72

PPE Efforts from the AMA

In the American Medical Association's (AMA) continuing efforts to address personal protective equipment (PPE) shortages, they wrote letters to [Vice President Pence](#) and the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) urging immediate action to address ongoing PPE shortage and access issues in ambulatory settings.

In the letter to the vice president, the AMA asked the administration to activate the Defense Production Act as a matter of patient safety. Physicians are telling the AMA that the biggest challenge to reopening their practices is the ongoing shortages of PPE, especially N95 masks and gowns.

In the letter to FEMA, we highlighted the difficulty in solving the PPE problem in physician practices, citing a lack of data to determine whether the central problem is in the availability of raw materials, production backlogs, gaps in the distribution systems, or some combination of all three. We also recommended that FEMA work with us to provide additional assistance to these non-hospital physicians in securing PPE, disinfectants, and sanitizers.

Still need PPE? Let us know!

We are continuing to receive additional shipments of PPE. If you are still in need, please fill out our form again and we'll work to get supplies to you in the next few weeks.



www.arkmed.org/pperequestform



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