



## COVID-19 Update, 7/15

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### Status Update as of 7/15 from ADH Website:

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

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 30,297
- Active cases - 6,439
- Recovered patients - 23,523
- New cases since 7/14- 564
- Deaths - 335
- Patients in the hospital - 458
- Patients on ventilators - 94

### Provider Relief Fund and PPP Updates

On June 9, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that it is allocating \$15 billion in relief funds to Medicaid and CHIP physicians and providers. **The deadline to apply for these funds is July 20**. To be eligible for this funding, physicians must not have received payments from the first \$50 billion Provider Relief Fund General Distribution (this also includes physicians who were eligible for the General Distribution but ultimately rejected their payments), and either have directly billed their state Medicaid/CHIP programs or Medicaid managed care plans for healthcare-related services between January 1, 2018 and May 31, 2020.

The new distribution requires the use of a new [portal](#) and a [new application](#). Physicians will have to set up an [Optum ID](#). Please see the [Medicaid Distribution Instructions](#) for additional details.

HHS has provided several new updates to existing [FAQ guidance](#) for the Provider Relief Fund. The Department has added several new clarifying questions regarding general Relief Fund information, as well as General, Medicaid, and Targeted Distribution FAQs.

The Small Business Administration has also released [updated FAQ guidance for PPP loan recipients](#). The updated guidance verifies that loans made on or after June 5 will have a five-year maturity date (compared to the two-year maturity date applicable to loans outlaid prior to this date). These changes are pursuant to PPP loan requirement changes made effective through the [Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020](#).

### Still Need PPE? Let us know!

We are working on the next shipment and distribution of PPE for medical clinics. If you still need items, please fill out the form and let us know what you need. Even if you have filled it out previously, submit your request again and we'll do our best to get you the supplies you need.

[Submit the PPE Request Form here.](#)

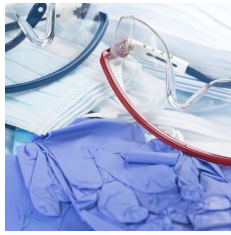
### COVID-19: The Physicians' Perspective Survey

The Physicians' Foundation is launching a survey to learn how COVID-19 is affecting the practice plans and perspectives of our fellow doctors. Results of this survey will be shared with you, policy makers, legislators, the public, and the media to ensure the physicians' voice is heard.

This survey is just 10 questions and can be completed in less than 5 minutes. Please take a few minutes and answer the questions so that we can better serve you in the coming months.

[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://www.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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