



COVID-19 Update, 7/16

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Status Update as of 7/16 from ADH Website:

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

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 31,114
- Active cases - 6,578
- Recovered patients - 24,195
- New cases since 7/15 - 817
- Deaths - 341
- Patients in the hospital - 470
- Patients on ventilators - 101

Governor Issues Mandate for Face Coverings

Today (7/16) Governor Asa Hutchinson issued a statewide mandate ordering every person in Arkansas must wear a face covering over the mouth and nose. This mandate covers both indoor and environments where there is exposure to non-household members and where six feet of social distancing cannot be assured.

"We applaud Governor Hutchinson for taking this critical step forward in our fight to contain the virus. Every physician and every public health worker knows the importance of this welcome news," said David Wroten, AMS Executive Vice President.

There are exemptions to the mandate and public health directive, but law enforcement and local officials will have the authority and are encouraged to enforce this directive. A violation of the order will be considered a misdemeanor offense, which is punishable by a fine of \$100-\$500.

The mandate goes into affect Monday, July 20 and expires when the public health emergency is over.

We will link to the official directive on our website when it becomes available.

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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