



COVID-19 Update, 7/7

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Status Update as of 7/7 from ADH Website:

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

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 24,512
- Active cases - 5,486
- Recovered patients - 18,725
- New cases since 7/6- 259
- Deaths - 301
- Patients in the hospital - 369
- Patients on ventilators - 83

ADH Directive for Elective Procedures Moves to Phase III

Due to delays in turnaround time by commercial laboratories for COVID-19 PCR/NAAT test results, effective July 6, 2020, the time frame for the requirement for a negative test has been extended to 120 hours (5 days) prior to the procedure. This is the only change made in the version from May 25.

[Read the updated guidance here.](#)

COVID-19: The Physicians' Perspective Survey

The Physicians' Foundation is a national, not-for-profit organization composed of more than 20 state and regional medical societies nationwide seeking to advance the work of practicing physicians and facilitate the delivery of high-quality health care to patients.

They are 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.](#)

AFMC Webinar: HIPAA Considerations for Telehealth
Thursday, July 9
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

As a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Office of Civil

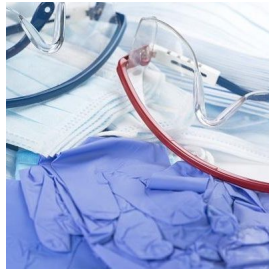
Rights (OCR) released official guidance encouraging the use of telehealth as a safer alternative to in-office visits. Additionally, OCR stated they would exercise enforcement discretion for practices using non-HIPAA compliant technology to deliver patient care during this emergency.

It is important however, to continue to follow the HIPAA Privacy Rule, properly document patient visits, track technology used for remote patient visits, and to start the process of identifying and implementing HIPAA compliant technology.

This webinar on Thursday, July 9 will take a look at choosing secure technology, obtaining informed consent, how long the OCR changes might last, and other tips to protect patient's privacy during telehealth visits.

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PPE



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.

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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