



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

CDC

COVID-19 Update, 8/4

August 4, 2020 | [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19)

Status Update as of 8/4 from ADH Website:

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

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 45,381
- Active cases - 6,891
- Recovered patients - 38,000
- New cases since 8/3 - 784
- Deaths - 490
- Patients in the hospital - 526
- Patients on ventilators - 101

CMS Proposes to Permanently Expand Telehealth Benefits for Medicare Beneficiaries Beyond the COVID-19 and Advances Access to Care in Rural Areas

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is proposing changes to expand telehealth permanently, consistent with the Executive Order on Improving Rural and Telehealth Access that President Trump signed on August 3. The Executive Order and proposed rule advance CMS's efforts to improve access and convenience of care for Medicare beneficiaries, particularly those living in rural areas.

Through this rule, CMS is taking steps to extend the availability of certain telemedicine services after the PHE ends, giving Medicare beneficiaries more convenient ways to access healthcare particularly in rural areas where access to healthcare providers may otherwise be limited Improving Rural and Telehealth Access.

[Read the CMS press release here.](#)

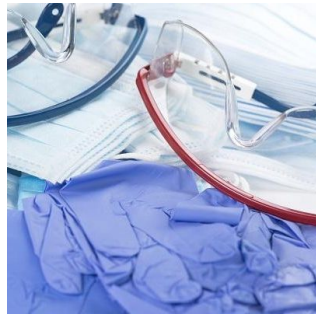
ADH Guidance on Certifying Deaths Related to COVID-19

The Arkansas Department of Health has developed guidance for medical certifiers and funeral home directors who are certifying deaths related to

COVID-19. This guidance was developed on direction from the CDC, and was sent by the [State Registrar, Shirley Louie](#).

[Read the ADH Guidance on Certifying COVID-19 deaths here.](#)

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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