



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

CDC

COVID-19 Update, 10/2

October 2, 2020 | [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://arkmed.org/covid19)

Status Update as of 10/1 from ADH Website:

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

- Total cumulative cases in Arkansas - 81,531
- New confirmed cases since 9/30- 921
- Active cases - 6,552
- Recovered patients - 73,734
- Deaths - 1,238
- Patients in the hospital - 485
- Patients on ventilators - 92

HHS Announces New Round of Provider Relief Funds

HHS [announced](#) that it will be disbursing another \$20 billion in CARES Act Provider Relief Funds. Under this Phase 3 General Distribution allocation, physicians that have already received Provider Relief Fund payments may apply for additional funding that considers financial losses and changes in operating expenses caused by the coronavirus.

Recognizing the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has increased anxiety and depression in the country and behavioral health providers have continued to provide care through telehealth and other means, HHS is also announcing that the nation's behavioral health care providers, including psychiatrists, are now eligible for funding.

Previously ineligible physicians, such as those who began practicing in 2020, will also be eligible to apply. Physicians will have from October 5, 2020 through November 6, 2020 to apply for Phase 3 General Distribution funding.

From ACHI: Tracking Covid-19 Deaths in Arkansas; Health Insurance Premiums in the State Remain Among Lowest in U.S.

The Arkansas Center for Health Improvement is continuing to track coronavirus deaths in Arkansas, and most recently it took 14 days to go from 1,200 deaths to more than 1,300. It took 56 days for Arkansas to reach its first 100 deaths. This week, they updated the numbers to include Covid-19 deaths in confirmed and probably cases.

Additionally, they have created an infographic showing that premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance plans and individual marketplace plans in Arkansas continue to be among the lowest in the U.S.

[Read more here.](#)



More PPE Has Arrived!

We received 790 boxes of PPE yesterday! We will begin sorting and distributing it to more member and non-member clinics around the state. If your clinic continues to have difficulty finding PPE through private suppliers, please fill out the AMS PPE Form below.

NOTE: If you completed a PPE form prior to 9/11/20, it is important that you complete a new one. Forms completed prior to 9/11/20 will be de-activated so that our list reflects current needs.

Please only list those items that you are unable to purchase or unable to purchase at a reasonable price.

[PLEASE SUBMIT ONLY ONE FORM PER CLINIC.](#) If your clinic has multiple locations please include the needs of all locations on one form.

[Submit PPE Request Form Here.](#)

Take a Brief Survey on COVID-19 and the Future of the Health Care System

[The Physicians Foundation](#) is a national, nonprofit advancing the work of practicing physicians to facilitate the delivery of high-quality health care to patients. This is the THIRD of three surveys they are sending to physicians regarding the impact of the pandemic. If you completed the first two, thank you for your participation.

[Take the survey here](#) – it can be completed in **three minutes**. Include your email to enter the drawing for four \$500 cash prizes.

[PPE](#)

[Telemedicine](#)

[Financial Resources](#)



View our 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/>.

[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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