



CORONAVIRUS

UPDATE

CDC

COVID-19 Update, 9/29

September 29, 2020 | [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19)

Status Update as of 9/29 from ADH Website:

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

- Total cumulative cases in Arkansas -80,003
- New confirmed cases since 9/28 - 482
- Active cases - 6,534
- Recovered patients - 72,265
- Deaths - 1,204
- Patients in the hospital - 490
- Patients on ventilators - 99 (9/28)

CMS Reports Decline in Services for Children

[New data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) (CMS) highlight a decline in services used by children covered by Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in March through May this year compared to the same period last year.

The agency found:

- 69% fewer (7.6 million) dental services rendered,
- 44% fewer (3.2 million) child screening services that assess physical and cognitive development,
- 44% (6.9 million) fewer outpatient mental health services and
- 22% fewer (1.7 million) vaccinations up to age 2.

CMS will work with state partners to help close these gaps in Medicaid and CHIP children's healthcare.

UnitedHealthcare is Updating Temporary Provisions to Telehealth Originating Site Requirements

UnitedHealthcare is updating a number of temporary provisions that were established as part of the COVID-19 response.

[Click here to view updates to telehealth originating site requirements, Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, and temporary cost share waivers.](#)

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.

Does Your Clinic Still Need PPE?

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.](#)

PPE



View our 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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