



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

CDC

COVID-19 Update, 11/13

November 13, 2020 | [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19)

Status Update as of 11/12 from ADH Website:

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

- Total cumulative cases in Arkansas - 128,006
- New confirmed cases since 11/12 - 1,285
- Active cases - 14,491
- Recovered patients - 102,355
- Deaths - 2,144
- Patients in the hospital - 805
- Patients on ventilators - 116

Public Service Announcement on Social Media



Check out our Public Service Announcement created in partnership with the American Medical Association. Help us spread awareness by sharing this post on your social media page.

[Click here to see the video on the AMS Facebook page](#)

Time is Running Out: Take our PPE Survey

If your clinic is still in need of PPE, please you haven't already done so, please take our PPE survey by Wednesday, November. 18.

[Click here to take our one-minute survey.](#)

ACHI Health Policy Board Releases Thanksgiving Recommendations

Today, ACHI's Health Policy Board released a list of recommended steps that Arkansas families can take to prevent Thanksgiving celebrations from increasing the spread of COVID-19. The board's statement encourages families to forgo large family gatherings and to celebrate with household members, joining extended family by telephone, video, or other electronic means.

For families who do plan to bring different households together for Thanksgiving (or for other family gatherings), there are logical steps that should be taken to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19:

1. By this weekend, discuss with all family units that will gather about risk reduction and management strategies;
2. By this weekend, restrict unnecessary activities such as travel, shopping, and dining out;
3. Prior to travel, get a COVID-19 PCR test; and
4. On Thanksgiving, have a plan and execute a 10-item checklist to reduce

risk.

For more, including the checklist, visit achi.net/givethanksnotcovid.

[Read their weekly email update here.](#)

CMS: COVID-19 Vaccine Codes and PC-ACE Software Update

In anticipation of the availability of a vaccine(s), for the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the [American Medical Association \(AMA\)](#), working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), created new codes for the vaccine and the administration of the vaccine. To prepare for the vaccine administration claims, the PC-ACE software is also updated and ready for providers to download.

If you intend to administer the COVID-19 vaccines when they become available, or the new monoclonal antibody bamlanivimab, especially if you intend to roster bill these codes, please download and install the new release of [PC-ACE](#). This release includes the coding structure, currently comprised of both a [HCPCS Level I CPT](#) code structure issued by the American Medical Association (AMA) and a HCPCS Level II code structure issued by CMS. Together, these codes support the administration of the COVID-19 vaccines and the monoclonal antibody infusions, as they become available; this structure includes the codes for bamlanivimab.

This code structure was developed to facilitate efficient claims processing for any COVID-19 vaccines and monoclonal antibody infusions that receive FDA EUA or approval. CMS and the AMA are working collaboratively regarding which codes to submit for COVID-19 vaccines and administration. Most of these codes are not currently effective and not all codes will be used. We will issue specific code descriptors in the future. Effective dates for the codes for Medicare purposes will coincide with the date of the FDA EUA or approval.

PPE



View our information on personal protective equipment at 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

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 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.

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