

COVID-19 Update, 11/17

November 17, 2020 | [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://arkmed.org/covid19)

Status Update as of 11/17 from ADH Website:

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

- Total cumulative cases in Arkansas - 135,902
- New confirmed cases since 11/16- 1,554
- Active cases - 16,576
- Recovered patients - 106,515
- Deaths - 2,245
- Patients in the hospital - 895
- Patients on ventilators - 137

AMS to Partner with WISMED and ActionPPE in Honeywell N95 Group Purchase

The AMS is working with the Wisconsin Medical Society and 30 + other medical societies to help fill the need for N95 masks made by Honeywell. The masks are \$3.85 each and require a minimum order of 2 boxes (100 per box).

This is a *limited time group purchase* for medical and related professionals who have been wondering how they can get their hands on **N95 respirators**.

Everyone who wants to participate must place their orders below by clicking "Click to Pre-Order N95" and reserving their stock today. If we don't reach the minimum and can't place the order, we will refund everyone *promptly*. **There is no risk**. The order will be placed as soon as we reach 500,000 ordered units.

This special program has **specific deadlines** for registration, orders, and shipping, which are summarized below.

- **Orders: Last date to submit an order – November 23, 8pm CST**
- Minimum order: 2 boxes (100 units)
- Shipping: First orders start shipping – December 14, 2020 (initial orders may ship sooner)

Honeywell is one of the largest and highest grade N95 manufacturers in America with a 100+ year track record of innovation and quality. The primary Honeywell N95 factory has GUARANTEED us access at below-market prices to help private practices secure the same vital PPE as professionals working in larger GBO's.

For more information and the form for Pre-Ordering this group buy go to: <https://actionppe.org/n95>

[Click to Pre-Order N95](#)

COVID-19 Vaccination Program Enrollment for Arkansas Clinics

From the Arkansas Department of Health : Clinics that wish to order and receive COVID-19 vaccine to administer to their staff, patients, or others must enroll in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program through the Arkansas Department of Health by completing a **CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement**.

The enrollment form can be found on the ADH COVID-19 webpage by using the following link: <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/covid-19-vaccine-provider-forms>. This link will bring you to the form as well as to a video that demonstrates how to complete the form.

ADH has worked closely with CDC to develop a draft plan for how we will allocate and distribute COVID-19 vaccine in our state. The working plan may be found at <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/covid-19-vaccine-plan>. We invite you to review and send us your comments and suggestions.

At this point in time, our plan is to follow the CDC's phased approach to vaccine allocation and distribution:

- Phase 1-A and 1-B, when the number of initial doses is limited.
- Phase 2, when sufficient doses for the general population are available.
- Phase 3, when we shift to routine vaccination strategy.

We are preparing for Phase 1-A and 1-B now. Briefly, our focus for Phase 1-A will be health care workers and first-responders at increased risk for exposure. Phase 1-B will expand to include people at high risk for severe disease, including persons 65 and adults of any age with chronic health conditions, as well as certain essential workers. As the number of doses increases we will move to Phase 2.

As you can imagine, it will take all of us working together to get everyone in Arkansas vaccinated. That's why we need as many vaccinating clinics enrolled in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program as possible. Once enrolled, a clinic will be eligible to begin receiving and administering COVID-19 vaccines as the doses become available. Special handling of the vaccines will be needed to meet probable cold chain requirements, so training will be required and provided for all enrolled COVID-19 vaccination providers.

The COVID-19 vaccines will be provided to clinics at no cost, and clinics will be allowed to bill for vaccine administration.

AMA Announces Vaccine-specific CPT Codes for Coronavirus Immunizations , Nov. 10, 2020 <https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/press-releases/ama-announces-vaccine-specific-cpt-codes-coronavirus-immunizations>

We encourage you to sign-up for the CDC's email updates located on this webpage <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/vaccination.html>

Last Chance to 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](#)

Public Service Announcement on Social Media

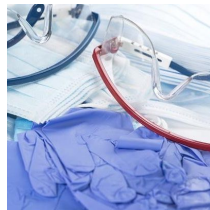


Check out our Public Service Announcement created in partnership with the American Medical Association. Help us spread awareness by sharing this post on your social media page.

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

[Facebook page.](#)

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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