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To protect yourself and others, the ADH recommends:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- Practice physical distancing. Avoid close contact with others, especially those who are sick, by keeping at least 6 feet between you and others.
- If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 or develop a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, seek testing. [Testing is available in many locations](#), including ADH Local Health Units.
- Wear a face covering when you are exposed to non-household members and physical distancing cannot be assured. Click [here](#) to read the requirements.

Alerts/Updates

COVID-19 Update

December 17, 2020



CONFIRMED CASES

	Total	Change from yesterday
CASES:	165,512	+2,282
ACTIVE CASES:	16,446	+584
RECOVERED:	146,287	+1,666
CONFIRMED DEATHS:	2,755	+30

PROBABLE CASES

	Total	Change from yesterday
CASES:	29,031	+757
ACTIVE CASES:	5,213	+301
RECOVERED:	23,458	+448
PROBABLE DEATHS:	357	+8

TOTAL CASES:	194,543	+3,039
TOTAL ACTIVE CASES:	21,659	+885
TOTAL DEATHS:	3,112	+38

TESTING

	Total	Results yesterday
PCR TESTS THIS MONTH:	202,725	14,056
ANTIGEN TESTS THIS MONTH:	44,492	3,275

All data are provisional and subject to change. PCR testing data reflects result date. Probable cases and deaths may decrease if they are reclassified. The net change is shown.

HOSPITAL DATA

Most recent statewide data available.

Hospitalized:	1,084
-Change from yesterday:	+5
On ventilators:	188
-Change from yesterday:	+4
Ever hospitalized:	10,357
Ever on ventilator:	1,125

TODAY'S NEW CASES

Counties with most new confirmed and probable cases added today.

- 1) Washington: 326
- 2) Pulaski: 288
- 3) Benton: 226
- 4) Craighead: 153
- 5) Saline: 113

Breakdown of new confirmed cases by type.

Correctional: 119
Community: 2,163

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*Last updated 12/17/20, 4:31pm

[*COVID-19 county data](#)

- **NEW:** [Antigen Test Clarification](#)
- **NEW:** [Guidelines for Evaluating and Availability of Essential Healthcare Workers to Return to Work](#)
- **NEW:** [Holiday Guidance for Residents of Long-term Care Facilities and Families](#)
- **NEW:** [CDC guidance shows cloth masks protect wearer as well as people around them](#)
- **NEW:** [Vaccine | For Providers](#)
- **UPDATE:** [Guidance for self-home quarantine](#)
- **UPDATE:** [Guidance on Places of Worship | Spanish](#)
- **ALERT:** [COVID-19 Guidance for Schools](#) | Resource Call Center 1-833-353-6050
- Click [here](#) for more information in our interactive COVID-19 dashboard.

Quick Links & Resources



- Click [here](#) for the Governor's Weekly COVID-19 Press Briefings
- Click [here](#) for Health Guidances
- Click [here](#) for the CDC Travel Planner to see restrictions in place in other locations
- [Educational Institutions Reports](#)
- [Contact Tracing](#)

- [COVID-19 Positive Test Support Groups](#)
- [State of Arkansas COVID-19 website](#)
- [Masks are Required Signage | Spanish](#)
- [Rules Suspended Due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Under EO20-06](#)
- [ADH news releases](#)
- [COVID-19 Media Library](#)

ADH COVID-19 Status Updates

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For additional assistance or questions, call the ADH COVID-19 Call Center at 1-800-803-7847, or email ADH.CoronaVirus@arkansas.gov. For immediate quarantine and isolation sheltering needs for homeless or displaced individuals, please call 501-661-2136.

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COVID-19 Guidance for Behavioral and Mental Health ▾

COVID-19 Guidance for Dentists

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