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Please take steps to protect yourself. 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 social distancing. Avoid close contact with others, especially those who are sick, by keeping at least 6 feet between you and others.
- Avoid going out except to get medical care. If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, call your health care provider. Your physician will decide if testing is necessary based on your symptoms and known exposures.
- Wear a cloth mask when in public and unable to maintain a 6-foot distance from others. Click [here](#) to read the CDC's recommendations. The ADH offers [this do-it-yourself cloth mask design](#).

Alerts/Updates

Related: Click [here](#) for previous briefings.

- **NEW:** Directives on:
 - [Reopening Recreational Pools](#) (effective May 22),
 - [Reopening of Casinos](#) (effective May 18),
 - [Travelers from “Hot Spot” and International Locations](#) (effective May 14)
- UPDATE: [Directive on Resuming Elective Procedures, Phase II](#) (revised, effective May 18)
- ALERT: [Everyone Should Be Wearing Face Coverings in Public](#)
- ALERT: [For Rules Suspended Due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Under EO20-06](#)
- ALERT: [Learn More About Chloroquine Warning](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

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May 22: [Directive for Recreational Pool Reopening](#)

May 18: [Directive for Reopening of Casinos](#)

May 18: [Directive for Large Indoor Venues](#) | [Spanish](#)

May 14: [Directive for Travelers from “Hot Spot” and International Locations](#)

May 11: [Directive on Resuming Elective Procedures, Phase II](#)

May 11: [Directive on Resuming Restaurant Dine-In Operations](#) | [Spanish](#)

May 11: [Directive on Resuming Elective Dental Services](#)

May 8: [Directive Regarding Prohibition of the Use of Non-FDA Approved Serologic Tests for the Diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 Infections](#)

May 8: [Directive on Business Limitations](#)

May 6: [Directive for Barber Shops, Body Art Establishments, Cosmetology Establishments, Massage Therapy Clinics/Spas, and Medical Spas](#) | [Spanish](#)

May 4: [Directive for Large Outdoor Venues](#)

May 4: [Directive for Gym, Fitness Center, Athletic Club and Weight Room Reopening](#)

April 27: [Directive for Resuming Elective Procedures](#)

April 17: [Directive for Camps, Including Day and Overnight, and Places of Worship](#)

April 17: [Directive for Approval of Emergency Responder Activities](#)

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April 16: [Directive Regarding the Use of Nucleic Acid Amplification Test for the Diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 Infections in Physician Offices, Urgent Care Settings and Pharmacies](#)

April 3: [Directive for Elective Procedures](#) (UPDATE—see April 27, 2020 DIRECTIVE)

March 30: [Directive for Casinos Extension](#)

March 26: [Directive for Limitations on Gatherings](#)

March 23: [Directive to Barbers, Body Art Establishments, Body Art Schools, Cosmetology Establishments, Massage Therapy Clinics/Spas, and Medical Spas](#)

March 20: [Directive for Schools, Government, Hospitals, Clinics, Restaurants, Gyms, and More](#)

March 16: [Directive on Extension for EMS License Renewal](#)

March 13: [Directive for Limiting the Transmission of COVID-19 for Long-Term Care Facilities](#)

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- [COVID-19 Fabric Mask Pattern](#)
- [When Can I Stop Isolation or Quarantine?](#)
- [COVID-19 Positive Test Support Groups](#)
- [COVID-19 information for the state of Arkansas](#)
- ADH COVID-19 Call Center: 1-800-803-7847
- [Email the ADH COVID-19 Team](#)
- [ADH news releases](#)
- Click [here](#) for more resources

COVID-19 Numbers

Updated as of 5/17/2020, 7:20 p.m.

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Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Arkansas

4,759

Click the Status Update Button Below for More Detailed Information

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ADH COVID-19 Status Updates

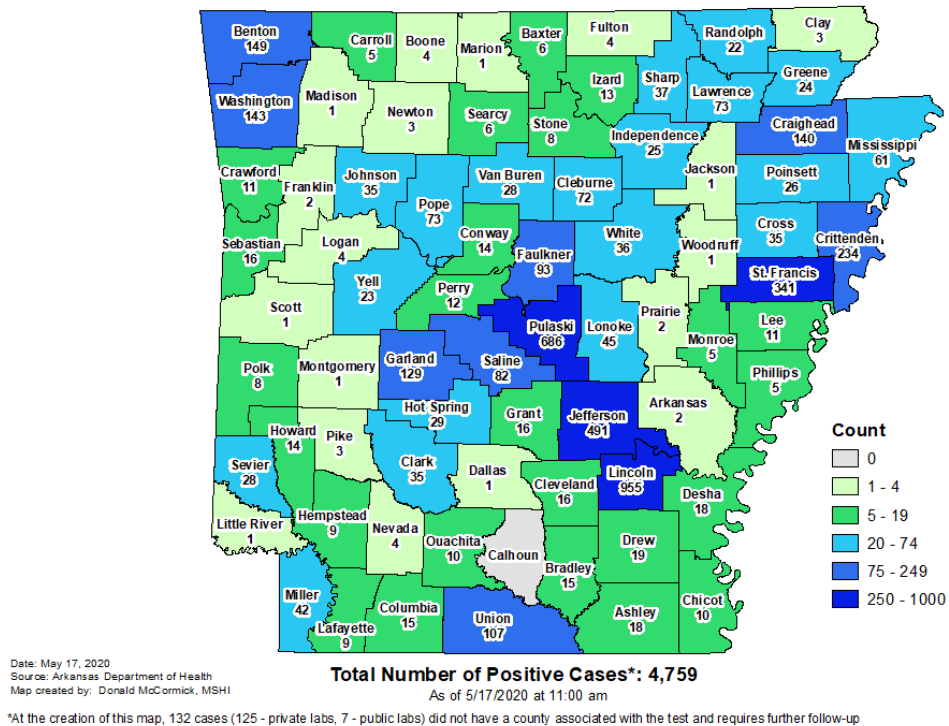
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Currently Hospitalized	65
Ever Hospitalized	530
Currently on Ventilator	12
Ever on Ventilator	101
Total Nursing Home Residents	321
Gender	Male = 61.3% Female = 37.9%
Age	0-17: 173 18-24: 383 25-44: 1,724 45-64: 1,464 65+: 719
Race	Black: 1,781 White: 2,354 Hispanic: 268 American Indian: 13 Asian: 55 Pacific Islander: 91 Multiracial: 32 Other: 184 Missing: 249

Number of Positive COVID-19 Cases



- [COVID-19 hospitalizations as of May 15, 2020](#)
- [Deaths by County as of May 17, 2020](#)
- [Demographic data as of May 9, 2020](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing data as of May 15, 2020](#)

ADH has activated a call center to answer questions from health care providers and the public about the novel coronavirus. During normal business hours (8:00am – 4:30pm), urgent and non-urgent calls, please call 1-800-803-7847 or [email us](#).

Click [here](#) for a list of Local Health Units that are partially or fully closed. All other health units not listed are fully open. The list is subject to change on a day to day basis.

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