



Arkansas House Newsletter

March 24, 2020

Covid-19 Response Update for March 24, 2020



- Sadly, the first COVID-19 related deaths have been reported in Arkansas. Since yesterday, two people have lost their lives as a result of the virus.
- There are now a total of 218 cases in the state. Of those cases, 14 patients are in the hospital and 6 are on a ventilator. Positive cases include 11 children, 73 individuals who are 65 or older, and 134 adults ages 19-64.
- The Governor announced that 24 pallets of personal protective equipment (PPE) from the national strategic stockpile arrived in Arkansas early this morning. This includes 27,800 N95 masks.
- An additional 1 million units of PPE has been ordered and expected to arrive this weekend.
- These shipments will cover the needs of our emergency workers for the next 60 days based on current usage rates.
- Health Secretary Dr. Nate Smith encouraged families to consider options for funerals which honor the lives of loved ones in a way that does not increase the spread of the virus. This could include small outdoor

services or postpone memorials.

- House and Senate leadership are working on arrangements for the special session announced yesterday by the Governor. We will update you once plans are finalized and a formal proclamation is issued.

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