



Arkansas House Newsletter

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Covid-19 Response Update for May 15, 2020



Of the 97 new additional cases reported today, 18 are from correctional facilities. The cases from the community were reported in Jefferson, Crittenden, Pope, Pulaski, and St. Francis counties.

The state is nearly half-way to the goal of testing 60,000 Arkansans during the month of May. The Arkansas Department of Health says in addition to testing for those with symptoms, anyone living in areas where the virus is spreading can also get a test.

Arkansans can now find their nearest testing location at ar.gov/covid

Health Secretary Dr. Nate Smith says patients seeking elective procedures now have 72 hours before the procedure to get a test. Previously elective procedures needed to be performed within 48 hours.

Cabins and lodges and marinas are now open at Arkansas State Parks. The Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism Secretary Stacy Hurst says 29% of reservations are from out of state.

Secretary Hurst also announced that the East and West Summit trails at Pinnacle Mountain State Park will re-open at 5 pm today. The Ozark Folk Center craft village will open on May 19.

The Governor emphasized that on Monday all retail stores will be open in the state with the exception of bars.

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