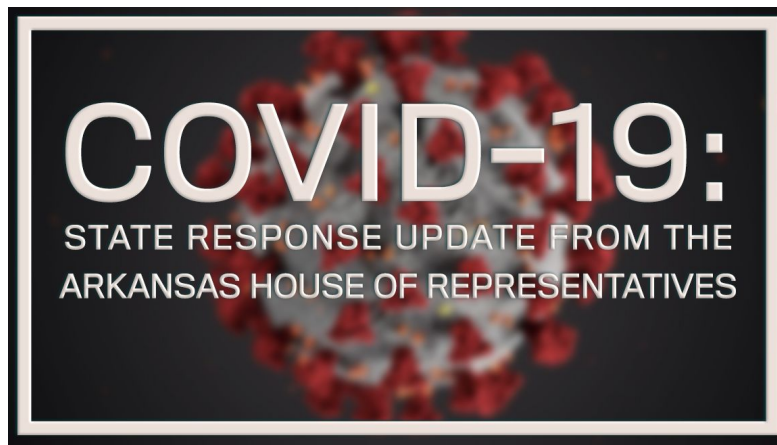




# Arkansas House Newsletter

**May 21, 2020**

## **Covid-19 Response Update for May 21, 2020**



There are 455 new cases of COVID-19 being reported in the last 24 hours. It is the largest single-day increase so far. Health Secretary Dr. Nate Smith says of those, 229 are from correctional facilities and 226 are in the community.

Of the community cases, 33 were reported in Yell County, 26 in Washington County, 27 Benton County, 19 in Union County, 13 in Pulaski County, 13 in Pope County, 17 in Craighead County, and 17 in Crittenden County. The Governor announced that some community and school team sports can resume June 1 under new health department directives. These do not include close contact sports like basketball, wrestling, football, volleyball, martial arts, and soccer. The Governor will make an announcement regarding close contact sports on June 30.

The Department of Health is also expected to issue directives today to allow overnight summer camps to resume May 31. Those directives will be posted at [www.healthy.arkansas.gov](http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov).

The Crater of Diamonds State Park will once again open to the public tomorrow morning.

The Governor announced that the website providing online applications for Pandemic Unemployment

Assistance is secure and operational. The site was taken off-line late last week due to security concerns. The Governor says close to 4,000 payments have been sent to applicants. You can find the applications at [www.arunemployment.com](http://www.arunemployment.com).

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