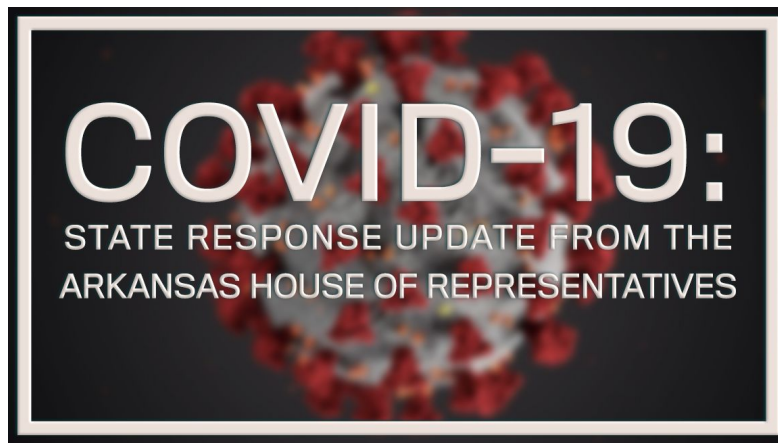




Arkansas House Newsletter

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Covid-19 Response Update for August 7, 2020



There were 1,011 new cases and 6 deaths reported at today's COVID-19 daily update. Hospitalizations have increased by 9 since yesterday.

Counties with the highest number of new cases are as follows:

Pulaski-182

Jefferson-64

Craighead-53

Mississippi-44

Sebastian-43

Washington-41

Independence-40

The Governor said 100 of the cases from Pulaski County were from a correctional facility in Wrightsville.

The Governor announced a proposal to direct \$20 Million from the CARES Act to be used for paid leave for teachers and support staff who must quarantine due to COVID-19 related reasons. Education Secretary Johnny Key said educators could use this leave first before using sick pay.

The Governor also announced an Executive Order to declaring concerns of COVID-19 exposure as a valid reason for requesting an absentee ballot. The order also gives county clerks additional time to prepare ballots for counting. You can read the order here :

https://governor.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/executiveOrders/EO_20-44.pdf

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