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The Arkansas Department of Health reported 605 new coronavirus cases Sunday, with one additional death. 287 people in the state have now died of COVID-19. Governor Asa Hutchinson was a guest on NBC's "Meet the Press" and discussed an executive order he signed last week allowing cities to pass an ordinance requiring people to wear masks in public. He was asked about President Trump's rally Friday in South Dakota where relatively few people were taking precautions.

News15 0:31 "...take it seriously."

The governor did not criticize the president. But questioned about IF Trump wanted to hold a rally in Arkansas, Hutchinson said he would require safety precautions.

News16 0:09 "...would insist upon."

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News17 0:24 "...of the virus."

Hutchinson was asked about recent rallies by President Trump where relatively few people were wearing masks. If the president wanted to hold an event in Arkansas, Hutchinson said he would require masks or social distancing.