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A new partnership between the State of Arkansas and Baptist Health will allow a significant increase in the number tests for COVID-19. Governor Asa Hutchinson made the announcement today (Wed) during his daily briefing on the pandemic.

News15 0:27 "...Department of Health."

Baptist Health CEO Troy Wells says the state bought the machine, with testing to be conducted at his facility.

News16 0:19 "...in-state testing."

The reagents needed for testing are more readily available to the state, Wells said, making this an ideal partnership. The machine should arrive and be ready to use by the first of next month. Meanwhile the state reported 385 new cases today (Wed) of the coronavirus, bringing the total to just over 66,400. 11 additional deaths were also reported. Two were at separate nursing homes. That brings the death toll in Arkansas to 928.

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Arkansas reported 385 new cases of the coronavirus today (Wed), a sharp drop from last week's one-day high of nearly 11-hundred. The state's death toll rose by 11 today (Wed) to 928 people since the pandemic began. In his daily briefing, Governor Asa Hutchinson said he's relieved to see lower numbers, especially on college campuses.

News17 0:29 "...spike in cases."

Hutchinson also announced a new partnership today (Wed) with Baptist Health. CEO Troy Wells says the state is buying a machine that will be here and ready to use by the first of next month.

News18 0:14 "...number of tests."

A White House report placed Arkansas at 6th in the nation for new cases.