

Arkansas added just over 600 new COVID-19 cases today (Wednesday) as the cumulative number of cases nears 71,000.

According to numbers from the Arkansas Department of Health, the state saw 606 new coronavirus cases. The total number of cases is now 70,731. Of those cases, 5,572 are considered active.

Hospitalizations decreased by two for a total of 387, while those on a ventilator decreased by three. That total is now 65. Seven more Arkansans have died from COVID-19, for a total of 1,010. The state logged 6,360 PCR testing results over the last 24 hours. Additionally, the state added 529 antigen test results.

Speaking during a briefing on the coronavirus, taking place today (Wednesday) in Batesville, Gov. Asa Hutchinson spoke on the northeast section of the state, which reported the highest percentage of growth of positive cases between September 6 and 12.

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“It is at 7.6% growth rate between September 6 and September 12, which is four days ago and that is the highest in terms of growth rate. In terms of raw numbers, it is second. Obviously northwest has 1,030 cases, but it’s a higher percent,” Hutchinson said.

Washington County, which houses the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, had the highest number of new cases today (Wednesday) with 65. According to the university’s dashboard, the school logged 100 new cases between September 11-13.

Pulaski County added 58 new cases, while Benton added 37.