

Arkansas appears to be on a downward trend of COVID-19 cases as the total number of cases falls short of 21,200.

According to numbers from the Arkansas Department of Health, the state saw a total of 420 new cases, bringing the state's total to 21,197. Of those cases, 5,757 are considered active. That's a decrease of 219 compared to Tuesday's numbers.

The number of Arkansans hospitalized also went down by 15 for a total of 275. The state did see an increase of seven in coronavirus deaths, with the total now 277.

During the governor's daily briefing on Wednesday, Health Secretary Dr. Nate Smith broke down hospital and ventilator statistics.

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"These data, current from June 25, that [of] the 1,300 ever hospitalized at that time, you can see 177, 13.6% had died. Now there were still 20% hospitalized so we don't what will happen to those, but almost 2/3 of them were discharged and survived," Smith said.

Of the 203 on a ventilator, 57 have been moved off of it, 52 are still on it, while 94 have died, that's a percentage of 46.3.

Smith also spoke on the non-respiratory side-effects some patients are seeing as a result of COVID-19.

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"We think of it as a severe pneumonia, ventilators etcetera, but we also have some severe non-respiratory complications. One is blood clots. That's being recognized as a greater and greater problem, and it can effect people of all ages," Smith said.

Smith said these severe complications, which can include heart issues, serve as a reminder to Arkansans of the importance of slowing the spread of COVID-19 and wearing masks.