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9/3 (Thurs PM & Fri AM)

A disproportionate number of new coronavirus cases in Arkansas appear to be coming from colleges and universities. In today's (Thurs) daily briefing on the pandemic, Governor Asa Hutchinson noted that Washington County – home to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville – was the highest county in the state for new confirmed cases.

News17 0:27 “...follow these guidelines.”

Heading into the Labor Day weekend, he implored students NOT to be out socializing. Health Secretary Jose Romero said there was a high number of deaths reported today.

News18 0:18 “...homes occurred there.”

... That brings the death toll in the state to 861. Meanwhile a group of Republican legislators today (Thurs) filed a lawsuit challenging the state's mask mandate and other restrictions. The 18 lawmakers are asking a judge to rule that the state's directives issued since the pandemic began are invalid, arguing they require legislative approval.