

Nearly 800 Arkansans have died from COVID-19 since the pandemic began as the state adds another 368 new coronavirus cases. Gov. Asa Hutchinson announced today's (Mon) uptick brought the total to 61,224, while 13 new deaths from COVID-19 brought the death toll to 797. Speaking in his daily briefing, Hutchinson said he does not expect the state's public schools to be affected by a shortage of teachers caused by them having to quarantine over possible exposure to the virus.

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While schools in Arkansas can pivot to all-virtual instruction in the event of a coronavirus outbreak, Health Secretary Dr. Jose Romero said the state hasn't set an exact number of cases for when schools should do so.

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Education Secretary Johnny Key said high schools in Cross and Searcy counties have had to shift to virtual instruction because of teachers and staff having to quarantine. Romero said six of the 13 COVID-19 deaths added today (Mon) were from previous months, while two were from nursing homes. The number of Arkansans hospitalized with COVID-19 rose by 29 today (Mon) for a total of 420, while the state currently has 5,466 active cases of the disease.