

Arkansas recorded another triple digit number of coronavirus cases today (Wednesday), bringing the total above the 30,000 mark.

The state saw an increase of 564 new cases, a decrease from yesterday's total of 794. The total number of cases in Arkansas is now 30,297. Of those cases, 6,439 are considered active, though the number of active cases did decrease since the number of recovered cases surpassed new ones.

Speaking during his daily briefing on the pandemic, Gov. Asa Hutchinson said the state reported 5,146 tests for Tuesday, which is below the number of testing that needs to happen for the state to meet its testing goal of 200,000 for the month of July.

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"That was not quite as high as the day before. The health department labs are doing extraordinary work, but there's still that delay in the commercial labs and it's having an impact on the number that's coming in. Even though 5,000 is still a very strong number of tests, it doesn't allow us to get to the goal I've set for the month of July," Hutchinson said.

Hospitalizations for the coronavirus increased by 13, for a total of 458. 94 people are now on a ventilator, which is an increase of 3. The death toll for COVID-19 in Arkansas also increased by 4 for a total of 335.

Pulaski County again led the state in new cases with 78, while Sebastian and Washington County had the second and third highest number of new cases, with 52 and 46 respectively. Benton County has 58 new cases and every other county in the state had twenty or fewer.