

Arkansas has seen its lowest number of new COVID-19 cases in more than a month as the total number of cases surpasses 50,400.

According to numbers from the Arkansas Department of Health, the state added 383 new cases. Hospitalizations and those on a ventilator both decreased by one for a total of 507 Arkansans hospitalized and 116 patients on a ventilator.

The number of deaths due to COVID-19 in the state increased by 11 for a total of 566.

Speaking during Gov. Asa Hutchinson's briefing on the pandemic today (Tuesday,) Health Secretary Dr. José Romero said if the state sees several days in a row with similar cases totals, it could indicate a downward trend.

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“And this is most likely attributable to the mask mandate and in order to keep that trend going down, we're going to have to adhere to that and to keep in mind social distancing and other recommended measures,” Romero said.

The total number of COVID-19 cases in the state is now 50,411. Of those cases, 6,847 of them are considered active, with 60 in nursing homes and 817 in correctional facilities.

Pulaski county led the state in new cases, with 63. Sebastian and Carroll counties had 31 and 20 new cases respectively.