

More than 50-thousand Arkansans have tested positive for the coronavirus as the state records 34 new COVID-19 deaths over the past three days. Gov. Asa Hutchinson announced 645 new cases brought the state's total caseload to 50,028, while 11 additional Arkansans died from COVID-19 for a death toll of 555. Speaking in his daily briefing today (Mon) Hutchinson said the state is adding fewer new coronavirus cases each day despite a sharp increase of over 1-thousand positive tests last Friday.

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Pulaski County saw 61 residents testing positive, while today's (Mon) overall case increase brought the state's total active COVID-19 cases to 7,343. Six fewer Arkansans were hospitalized with the disease as of today (Mon) for a total of 508. The governor also responded to President Trump's executive order that would provide a weekly payment of \$400 dollars on top of traditional unemployment benefits, but requires states to pay 25% of the overall cost. Hutchinson said that would cost the state roughly \$265 million dollars.

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120-thousand Arkansans still receive unemployment benefits according to Commerce Secretary Mike Preston. Trump's executive order would replace the \$600 weekly payments known as Pandemic Unemployment Compensation which expired last month.