

Arkansas has seen one of the highest single-day increases in new coronavirus cases as the total number of people to contract the virus approaches 30-thousand. Gov. Asa Hutchinson announced today (Tues) an additional 794 Arkansans tested positive, bringing the state's total to 29,733. The state's death toll increased by eight to 331. Speaking in his daily briefing, Hutchinson said the Arkansas Department of Health has roughly 1-thousand pending complaints against restaurants and other venues accused of not following public health guidelines.

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The number of Arkansans hospitalized with COVID-19 increased by 6 to 445, with 91 patients on a ventilator. Health Secretary Dr. Nate Smith said the state's overall percentage of positive COVID-19 tests appears to be declining after being over 10% for nearly a week.

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Today's (Tues) increase brought the state's total number of active COVID-19 cases to 6,558, including 971 inmates of correctional facilities. Pulaski County added 111 new cases, with 68 from Washington County and 52 from Sebastian County. According to the Health Department, the state has also secured a second contract to add 350 more contact tracers, though funding is still subject to legislative approval.