

Over 15-hundred Arkansans have tested positive for the coronavirus since last Friday as the state's death toll from COVID-19 nears 300. Gov. Asa Hutchinson announced today (Mon) the state saw 439 new cases, bringing the state's total to 24,253, while five more deaths from COVID-19 brought the state's death toll to 292. Speaking in his daily briefing, Hutchinson said the state has entered the first of two contracts to increase the number of people working to track the spread of the coronavirus.

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The first year-long contract with aerospace defense company General Dynamics will add 350 contact tracers to the state's workforce. That, along with another contract yet to be signed, will bring the state's number of contact tracers to around 1-thousand. Health Secretary Dr. Nate Smith said he's concerned about steadily rising cases in the central part of the state.

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Today's (Mon) increase of 439 new cases brought the total number of active COVID-19 cases in Arkansas to 6,127. Washington County added 77 new cases, with 46 from Pulaski County and 36 each from Yell and Benton counties. The number of Arkansans hospitalized with COVID-19 rose by 12 to a total of 337, with 81 people on a ventilator.