

Arkansas recorded 486 new confirmed cases of covid-19 and 12 additional deaths, Gov. Asa Hutchinson said Tuesday, speaking in his now-weekly briefing from the state Capitol in Little Rock.

That brings the cumulative total of confirmed cases to 74,772 since the pandemic began, and the total number of deaths that have been confirmed to be the result of the coronavirus to 1,060, according to state epidemiologist Dr. Jennifer Dillaha. One of those deaths took place in a nursing home.

Of those 486 new cases, 465 were in the community and 21 in correctional facilities, Dillaha said.

The epidemiologist reported another 131 probable cases of the virus — from antigen tests without confirmation by polymerase (PCR) tests — bringing the total to 2,209. There were no additional deaths reported among the probable cases.

A total of 6,188 cases are confirmed as currently active.

There were an additional 12 hospitalizations, bringing the current total to 459, according to health officials. An additional nine patients have been put on ventilators, bringing that title to 88.