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Arkansas reported 52 deaths today (Wed) from COVID-19, but as KUAR's Michael Hibblen explains, overall the state continues seeing a downward trend in the spread of the virus.

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The Department of Health says of the 52 deaths, 29 were confirmed to be from the disease, while 23 were likely. About 17-hundred new cases were reported of people testing positive for the virus. In a statement, Governor Asa Hutchinson noted that's about 700 fewer than the same time last week. There were also 27-hundred fewer active cases than the same day a week ago. Hutchinson suggested steps being taken to slow the virus "appear to be having an effect." Vaccine distribution continues to be a top priority, he said. The state reported receiving 12,700o doses in the previous 24 hours. Nearly 14,400 were administered. SOC.