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Governor Asa Hutchinson is continuing to defend his opposition to state-level vaccine mandates to prevent COVID-19 on the national stage. During an interview on CNN's State of the Union broadcast yesterday (Sunday), Hutchinson said imposing a state mandate would not be worth the controversy it would create.

NEWS22 0:18 "...controversy and resistance."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Arkansas, with 47-percent of the total population vaccinated, still ranks among the states with the lowest vaccination rates. The number of active COVID-19 cases and related hospitalizations in the state has declined recently.

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Arkansas' approach to vaccine mandates is drawing national attention again. Yesterday (Sunday) Governor Asa Hutchinson, in an interview for CNN's State of the Union, said COVID-19 vaccinations would not join the list of mandatory vaccines for school children.

NEWS23 0:20 "...of COVID outbreak."

The Federal Food and Drug Administration is expected to approve the use of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine in children ages 5 to 11 during a meeting on Tuesday. Arkansas currently mandates vaccines for tetanus, measles, and rubella, among others.