

Gov-Computer Science                      MEH                      10/26 (Tues PM/ Wed AM)

More Arkansas public schoolkids are enrolled in computer science classes than ever before. That's according to Governor Asa Hutchinson, who announced today (Tues) more than 12-thousand students are taking at least one computer course. He called it vital for the future of the state.

News15      0:23                      "...of our economy."

This is the last school year computer science classes will be optional. In the following school year, a computer class will be required for graduating high school.

Gov-Vaccine 1A                                      MEH                      10/26 (Tues PM/ Wed AM)

Governor Asa Hutchinson says he's encouraged by the continued drop in COVID-19 cases. Today (Tues) the number of active cases in Arkansas declined by 86 people to the lowest number since July 6th. The Department of Health also reported 14 additional deaths. In his weekly press conference, Hutchinson said he's looking forward to final approval of a vaccine for kids under the age 12, which is expected in the coming weeks.

News16      0:22                      "...wait on that."

But Health Secretary Jose Romero is urging parents not be hesitant.

News17      0:06                      "...of the children."

The delta variant, which caused a resurgence of cases in July, impacted many kids. Previously it was mostly older adults and people with compromised immune systems who were most at risk.