

A federal judge has denied a prison healthcare provider's request to dismiss a lawsuit alleging the company failed to keep Arkansas inmates safe from contracting COVID-19. The American Civil Liberties Union said in a news release today (Mon) that U-S District Judge Kristine Baker denied the motion to dismiss the claims against Tennessee-based Wellpath. The company, which is the medical provider for the Arkansas Department of Corrections, is accused by 17 incarcerated plaintiffs of not implementing proper COVID-19 prevention procedures. More than 12-thousand prison inmates in the state have tested positive for the virus since the pandemic began.