

12-28 COVID RE

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Arkansas has seen its largest single-day increase in new coronavirus infections in nearly three months. The state Department of Health reported COVID-19 cases rose by 2,414 yesterday (Tues). The number of Arkansans hospitalized with COVID-19 rose by 51 to 570, the highest number seen since early October. Another 16 Arkansans died from COVID-19 yesterday (Tues), bringing the death toll since the pandemic began to 9,097. The spike in new infections caused the number of active cases to rise by 1,626, for a total of 11,716. Pulaski County posted the largest uptick in new cases with 417 residents testing positive. That's followed by Craighead County with 300 new cases and Washington County with 144.