



COVID-19 Update, 8/25

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Status Update as of 8/25 from ADH Website:

[View the ADH COVID-19 Dashboard here.](#)

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 57,374
- Active cases - 5,312
- Recovered patients - 51,351
- New cases since 8/24 - 480
- Deaths - 711
- Patients in the hospital - 442
- Patients on ventilators - 108

Know The Rules for Quarantine and Isolation

AMS has received several inquiries indicating a lack of clear understanding on the issues of quarantine and isolation, particularly when the physician is exposed to a person with a positive COVID-19 test.

The Arkansas Department of Health has provided guidance on these issues and AMS encourages all physicians and their staff to be knowledgeable about the requirements and consistent in their implementation.

14-Day Quarantine

Individuals who have been exposed to a person with a positive COVID-19 test are required to quarantine for 14 days after the last known exposure. The quarantine is required regardless of whether or not the exposed individual has a negative test. However, physicians and most other health care workers are considered “critical infrastructure workers” and may return to work provided they have a negative test, remain asymptomatic, and take additional precautions.

Please become familiar with the following two links. AMS encourages you to print the information and share with your staff. The second link from the CDC explains the “additional” precautions quite well.

- https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/quarantine_covid_notice.pdf
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>

When Can I Stop Quarantine or Isolation?

Generally speaking, isolation is for individuals who test positive for COVID-19; quarantine is for those who have been exposed to someone who has tested positive. The following link provides a graphic illustrating the rules and timelines for quarantine and isolation.

Again, AMS suggests you print this and share with your staff.

- https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/When_can_I_stop_isolation_or_quarantine_5.7.20_.pdf

Observance of International Overdose Awareness Day

AMS is a strong supporter of the Stop the Stigma campaign to de-stigmatize substance use disorder.

As part of our efforts, we wish to call your attention to the Overdose Awareness Day event on August 31 at 7 p.m. at the Clinton Presidential Library.

[Learn more about the event here.](#)

PPE



View our updated information on personal protective equipment at [ARKMED.org/ppe](https://www.arkmed.org/ppe) or visit [arkansasready.com/ppe](https://www.arkansasready.com/ppe) for Arkansas PPE vendors.

Telemedicine



View the latest information from insurance carriers, HIPAA, and other sources on telemedicine during the COVID-19 crisis at [ARKMED.org/telemedicine](https://www.arkmed.org/telemedicine)

Financial Resources



We've compiled all of the financial resources that you may need for your clinic or practice during the COVID-19 crisis at <https://www.arkmed.org/financial-assistance-during-covid-19/>.

Join our COVID-19 Mailing List

Got Questions? Let Us Help.

The Arkansas Medical Society is here to serve our physician members and their medical teams. On our website, we have a place that you can send us questions or share what you're experiencing. Visit [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19) and click on the Got Questions box. We will respond to your question as soon as possible. Thank you for your hard work and together we will make it through this crisis.

For more AMS COVID-19 Resources, visit [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19).

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