

KEY COVID-19 FACTS FOR AR LEGISLATORS

Courtesy of Reopen Arkansas ([Http://www.reopenarkansas.org](http://www.reopenarkansas.org))

- Masks Do NOT reduce community viral spread of Covid-19 or other viruses
<https://www.greenmedinfo.com/anti-therapeutic-action/face-masks-lack-safety-and-ineffectiveness-research>
 - - Masks serve as an infection vector and induce other harms greater than the benefits from their use
 - <https://www.meehanmd.com/blog/2020-10-10-an-evidence-based-scientific-analysis-of-why-masks-are-ineffective-unnecessary-and-harmful/>
 - <https://www.primarydoctor.org/masks-not-effect>

- Covid-19 PCR Tests do NOT diagnose communicable, active Covid-19 disease
<https://jcm.asm.org/content/jcm/early/2020/08/07/JCM.01695-20.full.pdf>
 - - Up to 90% of positive Covid PCR tests are false/positive (no active disease)
<https://westphaliantimes.com/international-experts-suggest-that-up-to-90-of-canadian-covid-cases-could-be-false-positives/>
 - - PCR and Antigen Tests are inaccurate and unsuitable for quarantine decisions
<https://rationalground.com/why-mass-pcr-testing-of-the-healthy-and-asymptomatic-is-currently-counter-productive/>
 - - Arkansas PCR tests vastly exceed CDC and WHO recommended cycle threshold values of <35 (Arkansas PCR Ct = <42)
 - - - Greatly increases False/Positive Results
<https://academic.oup.com/cid/advance-article/doi/10.1093/cid/ciaa619/5841456>

- Covid-19 Risks are on-par with normal flu for about 95% of the population with approx.. Infection Fatality Rate of [between about 0.1% and 0.5%](#).
 - - ONLY those ages +70 and/or WITH serious med. comorbidity bear greater risk

- Hospitalizations: About 80% [develop only](#) mild symptoms or no symptoms. Even among 70-79 year-olds, [about 60%](#) develop only **mild symptoms**. About 95% of all people develop at most [moderate symptoms](#) and do not require hospitalization.
 - - As of 10/7/2020, per ADH the Hospitalization rate for confirmed Covid-19 Infections was only 0.19%

- Deaths: Current Covid-19 death reporting is highly misleading. [Only about 4%](#) of deaths had no other serious medical comorbidity.
 - - Current Arkansas (and other) state reporting practices do NOT differentiate between those dying “from” Covid-19 and those dying from other causes, but “with” Covid-19 – ALL are listed as Covid-19 deaths