State News

Grocery news-
pandemic EBT cards were supposed to have been mailed to clients the last week of June, but our vendor 
delayed the mailing without telling us. The cards were mailed yesterday and clients should have them in 
the next 10 days. For existing SNAP clients the benefits were supposed to have been loaded into their 
cards on the 29th, we are checking to verify that actually happened. - from DHS SNAP office.

Mask update for cities in Arkansas-

- **CONWAY**: A use of masks in relation to the pandemic, [Ordinance O-20-35](#), passed unanimously 8-0 
  by City Council on Monday, July 6. The ordinance does not have penalties for those who don’t comply, 
  but businesses have the right to ask you to leave should you refuse to wear a mask.
- **DE QUEEN**: A Resolution was passed by the City Council on Tuesday, July 7, encouraging people to 
  wear masks in public.
- **FAYETTEVILLE**: [Ordinance 6323](#) was enacted Tuesday, June 16, 2020. The 16-page face covering in 
  public places requirement order will be in effect until the pandemic ends. A business may deny entry if 
  the person refuses to wear a face mask.
- **FORT SMITH**: The Fort Smith City Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday, July 
  7, that “strongly encourages” wearing face masks in public. The directors will meet Saturday, July 11, 
  at 9 a.m., to discuss writing the Resolution as a mandate.
- **HOT SPRINGS**: The Board of Directors passed [Resolution 20-98](#) “encouraging” masks to be worn in 
  public settings on Tuesday, July 7. If a business asks a patron to leave for not wearing a mask, and 
  they refuse, the patron can be charged with criminal trespassing.
- **LITTLE ROCK**: Executive Order 20-06 was enacted Thursday, June 25, 2020.

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Exempt from the order: children two years or younger, or a medical condition that may exacerbate a 
person’s condition. The 12-page face covering in public places requirement order will be in effect until the 
pandemic ends.

- **ROGERS**: Mask should be worn in public places where they are exposed to non-household members 
  and six-foot distancing can’t be assured. Businesses may remove people from the establishment who 
  don’t comply. [Ordinance 20-54](#) was adopted Monday, July 6, 2020.

**Total number of COVID-19 cases 26,052 with 19,992 recoveries. Summary of Gov. 
Hutchinson’s July 9 press conference** [here](#).

Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment issues memo regarding regulatory 
flexibility due to COVID-19 [here](#).

ASBTDC holding webinars throughout July [here](#).

Federal News

CDC issues COVID-19 updates [here](#).

Grave shortages of protective gear flare again as COVID-19 cases surge [here](#).
Scientists highlight potential link between COVID-19 and brain damage [here].

Economists concerned about future congressional response to pandemic [here].

An analysis of the factors involved in three COVID-19 outbreaks [here].

For additional information and resources, check our COVID-19 Coronavirus and Arkansas page [here].