

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
Meeting Jointly

Thursday, July 23, 2020

1:00 PM

Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair
Sen. David Wallace, Vice-Chair
Sen. Bill Sample
Sen. Ronald Caldwell
Sen. Jimmy Hickey, Jr
Sen. Bart Hester
Sen. Scott Flippo
Sen. Kim Hammer

Rep. Jack Ladyman, Chair
Rep. Deborah Ferguson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Fredrick J. Love
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Stephen Magie
Rep. Josh Miller
Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. John Payton
Rep. Mary Bentley
Rep. Michelle Gray

Rep. Justin Gonzales
Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
Rep. Justin Boyd
Rep. Karilyn Brown
Rep. Austin McCollum
Rep. Bruce Coleman
Rep. Clint Penzo
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Lee Johnson

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A. Call to Order

B. Comments from the Chairs

1. Senator Missy Irvin
2. Representative Jack Ladyman

C. Consideration to Adopt July 7 Minutes (**Exhibit C**)

D. Status of Covid-19 Testing in Arkansas and Surrounding States

What is the state's % of positive Tests? Cost of Test? How long to get results? Where do I go to get tested? Who should get tested? % of population that has been tested? What is the plan for testing? What are we trying to accomplish with testing? Where are we in that process? Do we have enough PPE & testing supplies?

1. Stephanie C. Williams, RNP, MPH, Chief of Staff, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)
2. Jennifer Dillaha, MD, Medical Director Outbreak Control, State Epidemiologist (ADH)
3. Sherian Kwanisai, MPH, RNP, Center for Local Public Health, State Patient Care Nursing Director (ADH)
4. Discussion by the Committees

E. Status of Contact Tracing in Arkansas

How many contact tracers do we employ or contract for? What are the qualifications to be a contact tracer? What are we learning from the tracers? What companies are we contracting with to provide tracers? What is the plan for contact tracers? What are we accomplishing with the contact tracing? Where are we in the process?

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F. Other Business

G. Adjournment

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