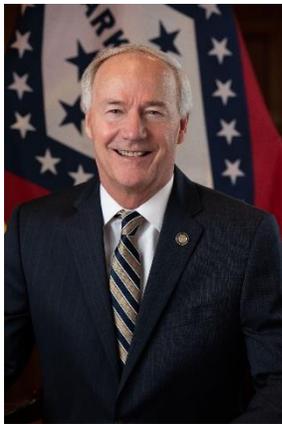




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DEALERSHIP INFORMATIONAL ADVISORY **COVID-19 Updates #46**



GOVERNOR CALLS FOR SPECIAL SESSION

Gov. Hutchinson called for the legislature to convene in a special session tomorrow, August 4, 2021, at 10 a.m. with the focus of the session to create an exception to the law prohibiting state and local governments from implementing mask mandates for public school boards, and affirming the decision of the state Workforce Services Administration director to end Arkansas' participation in supplemental federal unemployment benefits of \$300 per week.

This call for a special session follows the Governor's Executive Order, [EO 21-14](#), reinstating the public health emergency. The Arkansas House of Representatives and state Senate completed its review of this order today and will allow it to continue for the next 60-days.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR DEALERS

Unlike previous executive orders related to COVID-19, there are no restrictions or mandates for businesses to implement mask policies. Additionally, the special session will only cover the two topics listed above. As a result, mask policies will remain at the discretion of each business, and the Governor has reiterated several times he will not request this mandate from the General Assembly.



VACCINATION INFORMATION

The Delta variant continues to cause a dramatic increase in the Arkansas COVID-19 infection, hospitalization, and death rates, particularly among unvaccinated Arkansans.

[Vaccinate the Natural State](#) is a combined effort from a diverse set of organizations across every corner of the state – working through business to encourage all Arkansans to get the COVID-19 vaccine and help end the pandemic.

The Vaccinate the Natural State website, [HERE](#), provides valuable information for employers and employees related to COVID-19 vaccinations. This includes your rights as a employer in mandating or incentivizing vaccines.

The Arkansas Department of Health also has important vaccine information, [HERE](#).

ADDITIONAL AND HELPFUL LINKS

For additional information related to maintaining your dealership as safe, we would recommend monitoring updates from the [CDC](#), [OSHA](#), and the [Arkansas Department of Health](#).

Please go to our website for links to information your dealership needs at [AADA coronavirus update](#).

As a reminder, NADA has produced a tremendous amount of resources to help dealers and their operations during the coronavirus pandemic. The site and the links will be updated continuously; bookmark the address, and click on the links as you need them for the latest versions of everything CARES Act, SBA, PPP, Tax Relief and more. Please check it out here: <https://www.nada.org/coronavirus/regulatory/>.

AADA will work to keep you updated on this situation, but a firm commitment to maintaining a safe and clean work environment for your employees and customers will help you navigate this health crisis.

If you have any questions about this bulletin please don't hesitate to call, 501-372-2596, or email Greg Kirkpatrick greg@arkautodealers.com.