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**Bank of America Gives \$37,000 to Support UAMS Prevention  
and Treatment of COVID-19**

LITTLE ROCK – Bank of America has made a \$37,000 gift to a recently established COVID-19 support fund at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

The COVID-19 Support Fund will cover costs associated with screening, testing and treating patients with COVID-19, specifically items such as personal protective equipment like gloves, gowns and masks, as well as thermometers. As needs evolve to meet the COVID-19 pandemic, the fund will evolve to address those needs.

“We are grateful to Bank of America for being among the first to step up and support our efforts in battling COVID-19,” said UAMS Chancellor Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA. “The COVID-19 pandemic is a public health crisis on a scale rarely seen, and UAMS has risen to meet the challenge. Our doctors and health care professionals across the state are working around the clock to prevent the spread of this virus and treat those who have it.”

“In Arkansas and around the world, we are committed to helping our local communities meet the challenges they face during this public health crisis and after,” said Donnie Cook, Bank of America Arkansas state president. “Bank of America is proud to support UAMS, especially during this unprecedented time when local resources are even more vitally important, ensuring essential services are available to those who need it most.”

Bank of America has been a longstanding supporter of UAMS and its programs, having given more than half a million dollars to UAMS as a whole.

UAMS has set up a drive-thru triage screening area at the corner of Sheffield and Jack Stephens Drive (across from the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute). It is open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. This is designed to screen quickly and safely people with cough, fever, shortness of breath, flu or COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [UAMShealth.com/coronavirus](http://UAMShealth.com/coronavirus). Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms is encouraged to call the UAMS coronavirus hotline at 800-632-4502. An online screening tool is available at [uamshealth.com/healthnow](http://uamshealth.com/healthnow). This service is available 24/7 to Arkansans of all ages and is accessible via smart phone, tablet, laptop or video-capable computer.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* named UAMS Medical Center the state's Best Hospital; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide; and named six areas as high performing — cancer, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. UAMS has 2,727 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit [www.uams.edu](http://www.uams.edu) or [www.uamshealth.com](http://www.uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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