

ARKANSAS

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As a member of Governor Asa Hutchinson's cabinet, Dr. Nate Smith serves as Director and State Health Officer for the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH). In this position, he provides senior scientific and executive leadership for the agency. The ADH has over 2000 personnel and a budget of over 250 million dollars and delivers services throughout the state in over 94 different locations. Dr. Smith was appointed Director in 2013 by Governor Mike Beebe and then reappointed by Governor Hutchinson in 2015.



Dr. Smith has a strong commitment to the mission of ADH, "To protect and improve the health and well-being of all Arkansans." In his role as Director he strives to help colleagues achieve their full potential using public health best practices supported by science-based decisions.

Dr. Nate Smith has previously served the ADH as Branch Chief for Infectious Diseases, State Epidemiologist, and Deputy Director for Public Health Programs. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases and holds voluntary faculty positions in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the UAMS College of Medicine and in the Epidemiology Department at the College of Public Health. His clinical interests include HIV, tropical medicine, and emerging infectious diseases.