

# PharmTox Fights COVID-19

## Week of May 11-15, 2020 Accolades

### Blue Angels Do Fly-By to Honor Healthcare Workers

A special thanks to Drs. Shuk-Mei Ho, Lisa Brents and Amanda Stolarz for sharing photos of the Blue Angels who did a fly by on Thursday, May 14 to honor health care workers!



### Yingni Che Helps Our Community

ARKANSAS ONLINE: [www.arkansasonline.com](http://www.arkansasonline.com)

#### Stopping by for sanitizer



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Department alumni, Yingni Che (formerly with Dr. Owens lab), has been volunteering her time and talents to help individuals locally and nationally during the pandemic. Yingni, who is a research associate in the UAMS Department of Geriatrics, purchased twenty gallons of hand sanitizer from a local business, Rock Town Distillery, and poured it into spray bottles to give away to those on the front lines such as firefighters, store clerks, and delivery persons. Her generous efforts received attention in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette (see photo at left).

In addition, Yingni has designed and donated cloth masks to UAMS staff and others in need. She also has a [you tube link](#) on how to construct N95 cloth masks at home. When asked about her contributions, Yingni only says, "I am a small person and I just want to help during the pandemic." The department applauds Yingni's efforts and generosity!

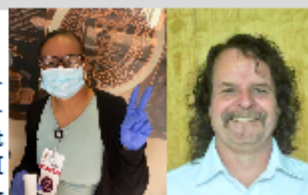
### Screen Stars

A big shout out to education specialist, Sylvia Stewart, and research technician, Shane Shelton for volunteering as screeners during the past week and volunteering numerous times during the past month, often arriving very early in the morning for their shifts. "I choose to volunteer as a screener because I feel like I am doing my

part of service to others, to help combat the spreading of the Covid-19 virus," stated Sylvia. The department is proud to recognize Sylvia, Shane and others who have volunteered since the pandemic began.



Department business manager, Fred Goad, and business managers in other COM basic science departments, Priya Thevar and Suresh Kannan, were appointed supervisors of the screening station at the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute starting on June 1. They will be in charge of scheduling staff for the station. If you would like to volunteer for a shift after June 1, please contact Fred.



### Volunteer VIP: Dr. Mitch McGill

Dr. Mitch McGill has become an almost permanent fixture in the UAMS Call Center. He recalls volunteering at least 5 times since March.

"The Call Center run by the College of Public Health is a great place to volunteer," stated Dr. McGill. "I know I am contributing to the health of my neighbors (and myself) by participating in contact tracing, employee risk assessment, and follow-up care of mobile triage visitors. These projects accomplish four major goals: They help to reduce the spread of Covid-19; ensure the safety of UAMS employees including clinicians and scientists as they return to the campus; gather information about Covid-19 spread and related behaviors that can be used to fight a second wave; and let Arkansans know that UAMS is working hard for them so they will re-

