### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 31, 2020

## **ARCH THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-54986 (Commission

File Number)

46-0524102 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

235 Walnut Street, Suite 6 Framingham, Massachusetts

(Address of principal executive offices)

**01702** (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 431-2313

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions <u>kee</u> General Instruction A.2. below):

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| N A                 | N A               | N A                                       |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

### ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 31, 2020, Arch Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") and Richard Davis, the Company's current Chief Financial Officer, entered into a transition agreement (the "Agreement"), under which Mr. Davis agreed to continue in his current role as the Company's Chief Financial Officer until the earlier of (i) when a successor is named and ready to perform the daily duties of Chief Financial Officer, and (ii) June 30, 2021 (such date, the "Transition End Date"), upon which date Mr. Davis will retire as Chief Financial Officer. Pursuant to the Agreement, for a period of six months following the Transition End Date, Mr. Davis will continue to work as an employee of the Company in a non-executive role to provide support and ensure a smooth and successful transition.

Mr. Davis' last day of employment with the Company will be the six-month anniversary of the Transition End Date (the "Retirement Date"). Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, from January 1, 2021 and continuing until the Retirement Date, Mr. Davis will continue to be entitled to his full base salary and benefits as set forth in Mr. Davis' Employment Agreement. As of the Retirement Date, Mr. Davis will be eligible to participate in COBRA at his own expense. The Agreement includes other customary provisions including non-disparagement.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### ARCH THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Dated: December 31, 2020

By: /s/ Terrence W. Norchi, M.D.

Name: Terrence W. Norchi, M.D.

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer