

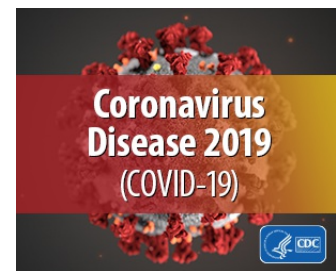
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## 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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The South Dakota Department of Health (SD-DOH) continues to monitor the emergence of the novel coronavirus. We are working with the CDC and our healthcare partners across the state to prepare for and respond to a potential case. Updates include:

- There are no confirmed or suspected cases of novel coronavirus in South Dakota.
- The number of cases and countries with infections worldwide is increasing and can be found on the [WHO website](#).
- Case counts and other information about the novel coronavirus can be found on the [CDC website](#).
- Travelers returning from China should self-monitor for 14 days for novel coronavirus symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, and shortness of breath) and contact SD-DOH at 800-592-1861 if they develop symptoms to aid coordination of care.



### COVID-19 IN SOUTH DAKOTA

On March 4, 2020, CDC updated the clinical criteria for testing a symptomatic individual after evaluation by their healthcare provider. As a result, the South Dakota Department of Health (SD-DOH) expects the number of persons under investigation (PUI) being tested for COVID-19 to increase.

**The number of PUI being tested does not reflect the level of risk to the public in the state.** For more information about the outbreak, potential risks, and protective recommendations, visit the [SD-DOH website](#) or [CDC website](#).

This table shows the total number of positive COVID-19 cases in South Dakota, the total number of persons that tested negative, and the total number of PUIs that are pending results.

As of March 9, 2020

<b>Positive*</b>	0
<b>Negative</b>	11
<b>Pending</b>	0

\*Includes presumptive positives sent to CDC for final testing.

This table will be updated each weekday by 5 p.m. Central Time.

### NEWS

- March 5, 2020 - [Update Webinar for Healthcare Providers | Slides](#)
- March 4, 2020 - [Informational Briefing for Senate Health and Human Services Committee](#)
- February 27, 2020 - [South Dakota Prepares for COVID-19](#)

### PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID ILLNESS

**You can take the following precautions to avoid illness:**

- Follow CDC's [Travel Health Notices](#) if you are traveling internationally.
- Contact your medical provider if you become ill after international travel.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze (with a tissue or into your sleeve).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Wash hands often with soap and water (or alcohol-based hand gel).
- Stay home if you are sick.

CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. You should only wear a mask if a healthcare professional recommends it. A facemask should be used by people who have COVID-19 and are showing symptoms. This is to protect others from the risk of getting infected. The use of facemasks also is crucial for [health workers](#) and other [people who are taking care of someone infected with COVID-19 in close settings](#) (at home or in a health care facility).

## INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL PROVIDERS

- Medical providers who are concerned a patient may be infected with COVID-19 should:
  - Mask the patient
  - Isolate the Patient in a private room or separate area, and
  - Contact with SD-DOH (800-592-1861) immediately for consultation and guidance
- Clinicians are strongly encouraged to test for other infectious causes of respiratory illness, such as influenza and RSV. **Note:** Asymptomatic patients are **not eligible** for testing at the SD Public Health Laboratory.

Priority Level	Clinical Features	Risk Exposure
Low	Fever <b>OR</b> Cough <b>OR</b> Shortness of Breath	None identified
Medium	Fever <b>OR</b> Cough <b>OR</b> Shortness of Breath	Identified risk*
High	Fever <b>AND</b> Cough <b>OR</b> Shortness of Breath	Identified risk*

\*Individual meets the risk exposure criterion if they have one of the following:

- Close contact to a lab-confirmed case within 14 days of symptom onset.
- History of travel to a geographic area with community transmission in a state within 14 days of symptom onset. [Visit CDC website for the current list of states](#)
- History of travel from a country under a Level 2 or Level 3 Travel Advisory. [Visit CDC website for the current list of countries.](#)

- Guidance on specimen collection and testing, infection control practices, and other considerations are available at:
  - [SD-HAN 20-003: Evaluating Persons for COVID-19](#)
  - [SD-HAN 20-004: Webinar for Healthcare](#)
  - [CDC Clinician Call: What Clinicians Need to Know to Prepare for COVID-19](#)
  - [CDC HAN 427: Updated and Interim Guidance on Outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)
  - [SD Public Health Lab Specimen Guidance](#)
  - [SD-HAN 20-002: Monitoring and Movement Guidance on Novel Coronavirus](#)
- CDC COCA Call COVID-19 Update - March 5, 2020 [call in information](#)
- SD-DOH would like to remind medical providers, hospitals, and laboratories that cases of COVID-19, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, are considered immediately **reportable** in South Dakota (under Coronavirus Respiratory syndromes).
- CDC issued guidance to healthcare facilities in the event that a traveler with illness is identified.
  - [Evaluating and reporting persons under investigation](#)
    - [Evaluating PUIs and Asymptomatic Close Contacts](#)
  - [Healthcare infection control guidance](#)
  - [Clinical care guidance](#)
  - [Home care guidance](#)
  - [Guidance for EMS](#)
  - [Healthcare personnel with potential exposure guidance](#)
  - [Inpatient Obstetrics Care](#)
  - [Disposition of patients with novel coronavirus](#)
  - [Collection and testing of postmortem samples](#)

## CDC COMMUNITY MITIGATION GUIDANCE

- Community mitigation guidance from CDC available for:
  - [Households](#)
  - [People at Higher risk](#)
  - [Businesses](#)
  - [Schools and childcare centers](#)
  - [Colleges and Universities](#)
  - [Community and faith-based organizations](#)
  - [Large events](#)
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