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

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The South Dakota Department of Health (SD-DOH) continues to respond to the emergence of the novel coronavirus. We are working with the CDC and our healthcare partners across the state to protect South Dakotans from COVID-19.

**SOUTH DAKOTA  
COVID-19 INFORMATION LINE**  
Questions about COVID-19? We're here to help.  
**PLEASE CALL 1-800-997-2880**



### UPDATES INCLUDE:

- [Combat the Spread of COVID-19: Follow the Governor's Executive Order](#)
- [South Dakota FAQs](#): Recommendations, testing information, healthcare readiness, effects and symptoms.
- Interested in volunteering your services? Join the [State Emergency Registry of Volunteers](#) for South Dakota.
- [What is Social Distancing? Infographic](#)
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- [COVID-19 Testing Facts](#)
- 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 High Risk Countries ( [See CDC Travel Advisories](#)) should self-monitor for 14 days for novel coronavirus symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, or shortness of breath) and call their medical provider to discuss their symptoms.
- COVID-19 [Symptoms and Screening App and Website](#) from Apple (in partnership with CDC and the White House).

### 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 residents, the total number of persons that tested negative, and the total number of PUIs that are pending results.

SOUTH DAKOTA CASE COUNTS	
Test Results	# of Cases
Positive*	212
Negative**	5012
Pending***	1
<i>*Positive test results include testing conducted by the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory and private laboratories.  **Negative test results include testing conducted by the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory and private laboratories.  ***Tests currently pending at the South Dakota Public Health Lab. This number does not include pending results at private labs. If you have been tested and are waiting for results, contact your healthcare provider</i>	

COVID-19 IN SOUTH DAKOTA	
Number of Cases	212
Ever Hospitalized*	19
Deaths**	2
Recovered	76
<i>*Cumulative persons who have been hospitalized to date.  **The Department does not report deaths until a certified death record has been filed. By law, a death record must be filed within 5 days of the date of death.</i>	

SD COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF COVID-19 CASES		
County	Total Positive Cases	# Recovered
Aurora	1	1
Beadle	21	18
Bon Homme	1	1
Brookings	3	2
Brown	9	5
Charles Mix	2	1
Clark	1	1
Clay	3	2
Codington	9	3
Davison	3	2
Deuel	1	0
Fall River	1	1
Faulk	1	1
Hamlin	1	0
Hughes	3	2
Hutchinson	2	2
Lake	1	0
Lawrence	9	4
Lincoln	21	4

County	Total Positive Cases	# Recovered
Lyman	1	1
Marshall	1	1
McCook	2	1
Meade	1	1
Minnehaha	81	15
Pennington	6	1
Roberts	4	0
Spink	2	0
Todd	1	0
Turner	3	1
Union	3	1
Yankton	14	4

AGE GROUP OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES	
Age Range	# of Cases
0 to 19 years	7
20 to 29 years	38
30 to 39 years	37
40 to 49 years	37
50 to 59 years	43
60 to 69 years	33
70 to 79 years	9
80+ years	8

SEX OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES	
Sex	# of Cases
Male	103
Female	109

Data is updated daily by about 12 noon and includes cases reported through 5 p.m. the previous day.  
 Last updated: 11:30 a.m.; April 4, 2020

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## COMMUNITY IMPACT MAP

Everyone has a role to play to get ready, stay healthy, and protect yourself, your family, and your community from COVID-19. The goal is to slow the spread of COVID-19 to reduce illness and death, while minimizing disruptions to daily life.

### What does “community mitigation” mean?

Any actions that individuals, schools, businesses, and health care facilities take to slow the spread of the infection.

**CDC has developed steps** that can be taken based on the level of COVID-19 spread in the community. As more COVID-19 is spread in a community, additional preventive steps can be taken. Community spread is defined as three levels:

- **None:** COVID-19 cases may occur in the community, but there is NO community transmission.
- **Minimal to Moderate:** There is a single case of community-acquired COVID-19 in a county.
- **Substantial:** There are five or more cases of community-acquired COVID-19 in a county or a distinct group of cases in a single area (e.g., city or county).

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## PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID ILLNESS

### What can you do?

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
  - [Q&A for Consumers: Hand Sanitizers and COVID-19](#)
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Refraining from touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Individuals at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness, such as older adults and people who have chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease, should [take actions](#) to reduce your risk of exposure.
- Create a family [plan](#) to prepare for COVID-19 and develop a [stay at home kit](#) with food, water, medication, and other necessary items.
- [Recommendation Regarding the Use of Cloth Face Coverings](#) (CDC)

### Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations:

- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations](#) (CDC)
- [COVID-19: How to Clean and Disinfect](#)
- [Disinfecting Your Facility if Someone is Sick](#) (CDC)

### [South Dakota Travelers Returning Home: What You Should Know?](#)

South Dakota's healthcare system is prepared to identify and treat cases of COVID-19.

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## WHAT TO DO IF YOU DEVELOP SYMPTOMS

### If you develop symptoms:

- Call your health care provider immediately and tell them about any recent travel or exposure.
- Individuals who are concerned that they have COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider via phone before going to a clinic or hospital to prevent spread in healthcare facilities.
- Avoid contact with other people.
- Follow the directions of your healthcare provider and public health officials.
- [Symptoms and Testing Guidance](#) (CDC)
- [Symptom Checker Algorithm](#)
- [10 Ways to Manage Respiratory Symptoms at Home](#) (CDC)

**Find Federally Qualified Health Centers in South Dakota** - community-based primary care services in underserved areas providing care on a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay.

### Self-Quarantine, Self-Isolation, and Self-Monitoring:

- [Self-Isolation Guidance](#)
- [Temperature Tracker](#)
- [Taking Your Temperature](#)
- [Release from Isolation Guidance](#)

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance:

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).

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## COMMUNITY GUIDANCE & RESOURCES

### Guidance from the CDC is available for:

- [Households](#)
- [People at Higher risk](#)
- [Older Adults](#)
- [Retirement Communities and Independent Living](#)
- [Businesses](#)
- [Schools and childcare centers](#)
- [Colleges and Universities](#)
- [Community and faith-based organizations](#)
- [Large events](#)
- [Law enforcement](#)
- [Correctional & Detention Facilities](#)

*Local COVID-19 transmission in your community?*

**CLICK HERE for Mitigation Strategies**



[What is Social Distancing? Infographic](#)

### Behavioral Health

- For Parents
  - [Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) A Parent Resource](#) (NASP)
  - [Helping Children Cope with Stress during the 2019-nCoV Outbreak](#) (WHO)
  - [Coronavirus Explained! \(for kids\) - \(CDC video\)](#)
  - [Helping Children Cope During and After a Disaster: A Resource for Parents and Caregivers](#) (CDC)
- For Adults
  - [Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health: Tips for Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation](#) (SAMHSA)
  - [Handling COVID-19 Anxiety & Stress](#) (CDC)
  - [Strategies for Self-Care and Resilience](#) (HHS)
  - [Coping With Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#) (SAMHSA)

### Communities

- [Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission](#) (CDC)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations](#) (CDC)
- [Talking with Children About Coronavirus Disease](#) (CDC)
- [South Dakota Community Mitigation Guidance](#)

### Retirement and Independent Living Facilities

- [Plan, Prepare, and Respond](#) (CDC)
- [Interim Guidance on Preventing the Spread of COVID-19](#) (CDC)
- [Preparedness Checklist for Nursing Homes and other Long-Term Care Settings](#) (CDC)

### Schools

- [CDC Guidance: Considerations for School Closure](#)
- [Presentation for Schools](#)

### All Businesses and Employers

- [Workplace and Employer Resources & Recommendations](#)
- [Families First Coronavirus Response Act: What does it mean for employers?](#) A summary of how some of the key provisions like Emergency Family and Medical Leave (FLMA) Expansion Act and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act impact employers.
- [Employee Screening Questions and Guidelines](#): questions to ask employees reporting to work and guidance to help reduce the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.
  - [COVID-19 Daily Screening Log](#): a resource for employers to track symptoms of employees reporting to work.

- [Symptom Checker Algorithm](#)
- [Social Distancing at Work Poster](#)
- [Resources from other State Agencies](#)

#### Food Service

- [COVID-19 Guidance for Food and Beverage Establishments in South Dakota](#)

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#### ARE YOU A BUSINESS IMPACTED BY COVID-19?

Governor Kristi Noem announced Friday, March 20, 2020 that small businesses and non-profit organizations in South Dakota that have been negatively impacted by the global COVID-19 virus are now eligible for economic assistance from the U.S. [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#).

Visit GOED's website at [sdreadytowork.com](http://sdreadytowork.com) or call [605-773-4633](tel:605-773-4633).

- [March 20, 2020 - SBA Approves Economic Injury Disaster Loan Fund Program Access for South Dakota](#)
- [March 16, 2020 - Governor Noem Works to Activate Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Fund Program in South Dakota](#)

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#### INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL PROVIDERS

- [Office for Civil Rights \(OCR\) Announces Notification of Enforcement Discretion for Telehealth Remote Communications During the COVID-19 Nationwide Public Health Emergency](#)
- 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. High-priority specimens for testing include:

##### Clinical Features

Fever OR Cough OR Shortness of Breath

Fever OR Cough OR Sore Throat OR Shortness of Breath

##### Risk Exposure

-Individuals who are hospitalized  
OR  
-Persons in institutional settings (long-term care facilities, assisted living centers, etc.)

-Healthcare workers and first responders

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#### SD GUIDANCE FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

- Guidance on specimen collection and testing, infection control practices, and other considerations are available at:
  - [SD-HAN 20-007: Guidance on Evaluating Persons for COVID-19 Infection \(Updates SD-HAN 20-003\)](#)
  - [SD-HAN 20-006: Healthcare Facility Checklist](#)
  - [SD-HAN 20-005: CDC COCA Call](#)
  - [SD-HAN 20-004: Webinar for Healthcare](#)
  - [SD-HAN 20-003: Evaluating Persons for COVID-19](#)
  - [SD-HAN 20-002: Monitoring and Movement Guidance on Novel Coronavirus](#)
  - [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](#)
  - [CMS: Prioritization of Survey Activities \(3/23/20\)](#)
  - [CMS: Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of COVID-19 in nursing homes \(Revised 3/13/20\)](#)
  - [CMS: COVID-19 Emergency Declaration - Healthcare Providers Fact Sheet \(3/13/20\)](#)
- [SARS-CoV-2 Laboratory Requisition and PUI Evaluation Form \(Updated 3/26/20\)](#)
  - [SD Public Health Lab Specimen Guidance](#)
  - [Order Medical Shipping Supplies](#)
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) optimization strategies:** Provides options for extended use, reprocessing, and reuse of the various PPE components given current shortages of PPE being reported in many areas of the country.
- **Public Health reminder:** CDC urges healthcare facilities and clinicians to delay and reschedule elective ambulatory visits, surgeries and admissions, and routine dental and eye care to preserve staff, personal protective equipment, and patient care supplies, ensure staff and patient safety, and expand available hospital capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [Cleaning and Disinfecting 3M Powered Air Purifying Respirators following Potential Exposure to Coronaviruses](#)
- [South Dakota Public Health Lab website](#)

- [Archived COVID-19 Conference Calls](#)
- [Symptom Checker Algorithm](#)
- 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).

#### Important LISTSERVs for Healthcare Providers

The Department of Health maintains a variety of LISTSERVs that provide useful information on COVID-19, including current guidance and scheduled calls.

- [Health Alert Network](#)
- [Laboratory LISTSERV](#)
- [Epi LISTSERV](#)
- [Healthcare-associated Infections LISTSERV](#)
- [Office of Licensure and Certification LISTSERV](#)

#### ATTENTION RETIRED OR INACTIVE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS:

**Governor Noem is reaching out to our state’s licensed medical professionals (physicians, nurses, EMTs, etc.) who are willing to volunteer their services during this COVID-19 pandemic through the Department of Health’s Statewide Emergency Registry of Volunteers in South Dakota (SERV SD).** SERV SD coordinates the pre-registration of medical and health care professionals who may be willing to volunteer in the event of an emergency.

Whether you work in a health field or not, active or retired, if you have an interest in assisting your community or state during the COVID-19 pandemic, we invite you to join SERV SD. SERV SD will create a database of medical and health care volunteers who can be mobilized immediately in response to an emergency. **Participation in a deployment opportunity is optional. You may decide at the time a call is made to volunteer if you are willing and able to respond.**

Registering with SERV SD is easy. Go to <https://volunteers.sd.gov/>.

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### CDC GUIDANCE FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

CDC issued guidance to healthcare facilities in the event that 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](#)
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