



SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Long Term Care weekly COVID update call 11/18/2020

Disease Impact – United States

as of 11.01.20

Resident Cases and Deaths

TOTAL COVID-19 CONFIRMED CASES

294,438

TOTAL COVID-19 SUSPECTED CASES

156,929

TOTAL COVID-19 DEATHS

65,446

<https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg/>

Long Term Care in South Dakota

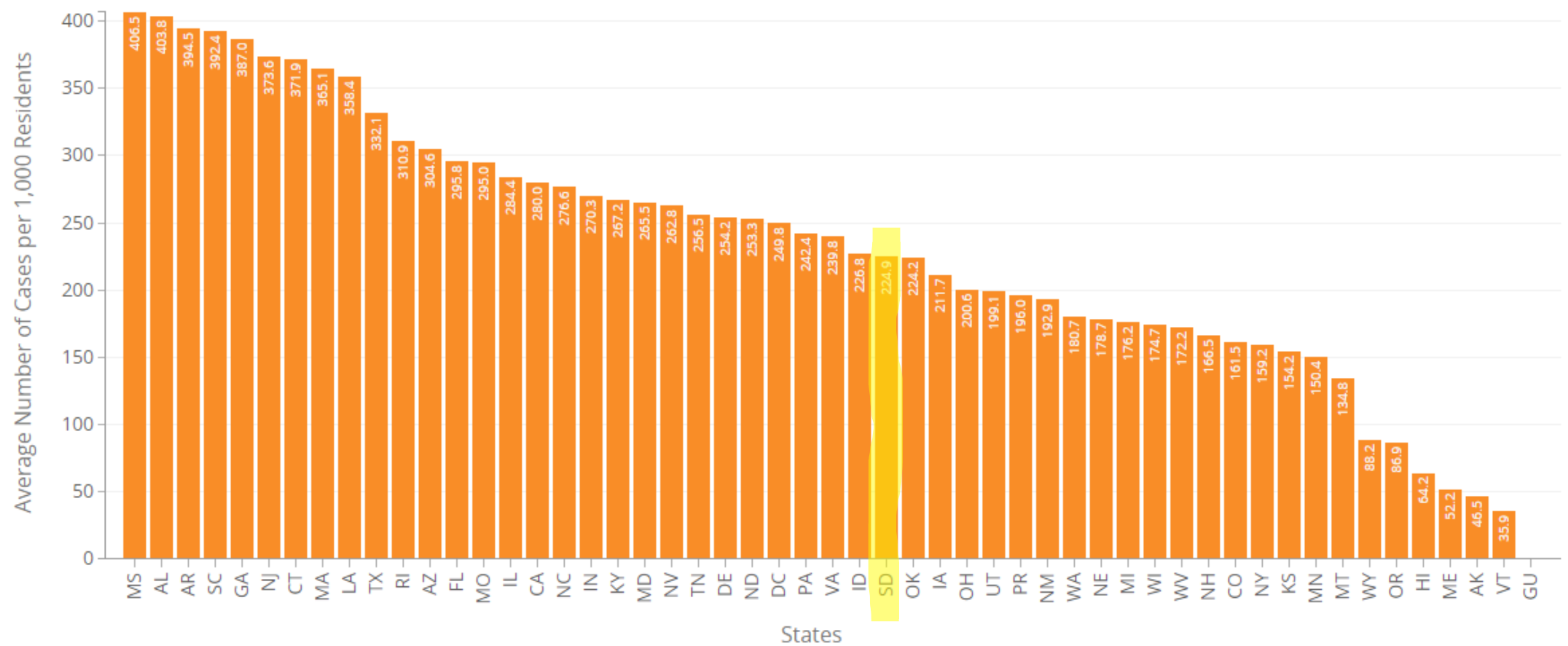
Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Centers

- **Cumulative Total Resident Cases – 1720**
- **Cumulative Total Resident Active Cases – 986***
- **Cumulative Total Resident Deaths – 325**
- **Cumulative Total LTC Facility with Case – 195**
- **Current Total of LTC with Case – 142***
- **Cumulative Total Case in Staff – 858**
- **Total Active Cases in Staff – 708***
- **Cumulative Total Staff Hospitalized – 22**

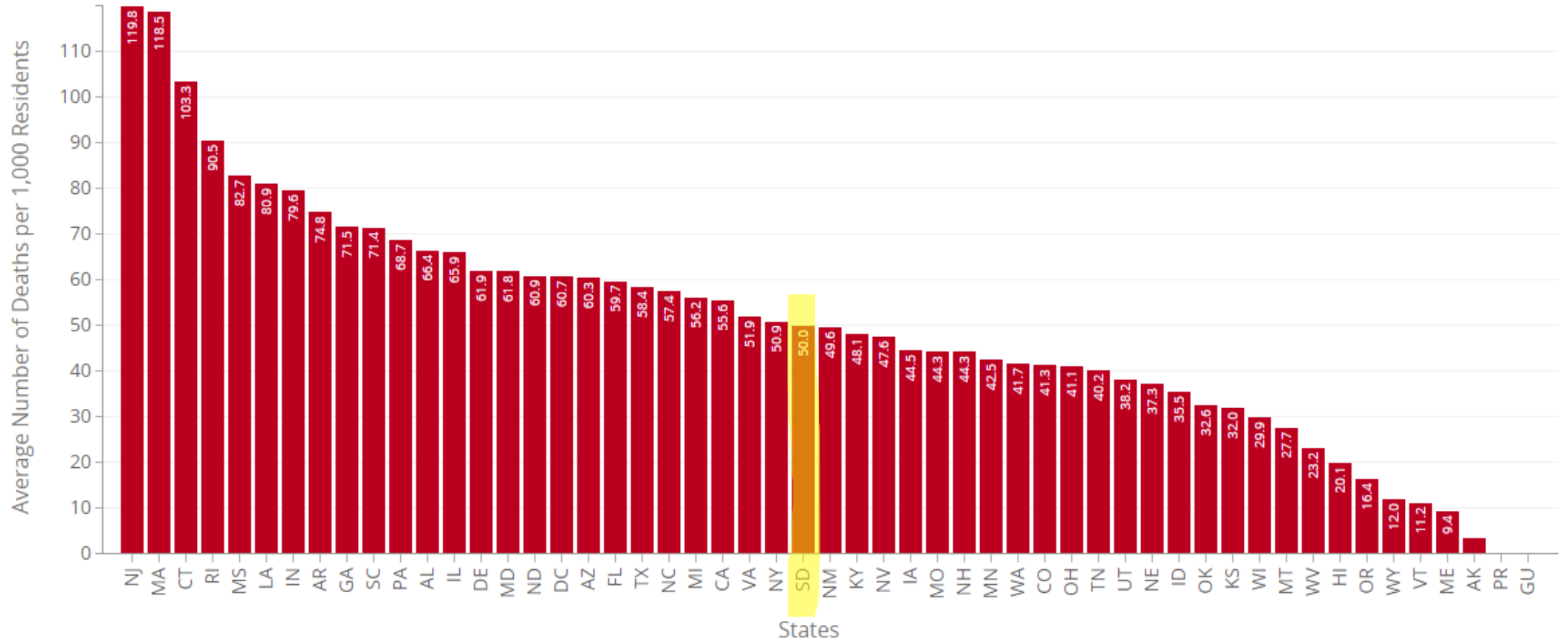
**self-reported by touch-base calls as of 11/16/2020 - all data is provisional*

Resident Cases and Deaths per 1,000 Residents

Resident Average Cases per 1,000 Residents



Resident Average Deaths per 1,000 Residents



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- **Screening** of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions or observations about signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms
- **Hand hygiene** (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
- **Face covering or mask** (covering mouth and nose)
- **Social distancing** at least six feet between persons
- **Instructional signage** throughout the facility and proper **visitor education** on COVID19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene)
- **Cleaning and disinfecting** high frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, and designated visitation areas after each visit
- Appropriate use of **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
- **Effective cohorting** of residents (e.g., separate areas dedicated COVID-19 care)
- **Resident and staff testing** are accessible

Personal Protective Equipment

All requests for PPE from DOH must be:

- Emailed to COVIDResourceRequests@state.sd.us,
- Faxed to **605.773.5942**, or
- Called in to **605.773.3048** to ensure prioritization and coordination of requests.

- Do not duplicate your request by using all three means of communication.

- Any requests received through any other email or number will all be directed to email COVIDResourceRequests@state.sd.us OR call **605.773.3048** and requesting entities must provide information regarding their current facility status.

Holiday Visitation – During COVID-19 Pandemic

- Focus efforts on encouraging families to keep residents safe during the holidays.
- Educate families on the risk of taking loved ones out of the facility.
- Determine other ways to conduct visitation – virtual, not the same but may keep the resident safe.
- Continue Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection prevention CMS Memo 20-39.
- Follow CDC guidance on “Holiday Celebrations (updated 11.11.20). <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>
- Follow facility policy for visitation to include holiday timeframes.
- Upon the resident’s return place them on observation as if a new admit.
 - The resident is not cohorted with positive or suspected COVID cases.
 - The resident is placed in observation and monitored for COVID signs and symptoms.

With the exception of Memo 20-39, the above are not requirements/rules/regulations and are not in writing. They are recommendations voiced by CMS.

Resources for Long Term Care

- Project Echo Clinical Rounds - including a series of sessions focused on nursing facility care: <https://hsc.unm.edu/echo/institute-programs/covid-19-response/us-covid19/hhs-aspr/>
- Here is the link to the NH Resource Center: <https://www.cms.gov/nursing-homes>
- and the specific link to the training series: <https://qsep.cms.gov/welcome.aspx>

Staffing Resource Options

In recognizing the critical role of family members and close friends in the life of residents in LTC and acknowledging the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is strongly recommended LTC facilities develop and implement their response plan to acknowledge and include designated essential caregivers and volunteers.

- Essential caregiver is an individual(s) whether family or friend who previously was actively involved with the resident and/or was committed to providing companionship or assisting in the activities of daily living of the resident.*
- Volunteer may be a member of the community performing other roles to free time for direct care staff.*

COMING

SOON!

Infection Control Assessment & Response (ICAR)

Tool that facilities can use in order to assess and improve their preparedness for responding to COVID-19 and help develop a comprehensive plan.

Items assessed in the ICAR support the key strategies of:

- Keeping COVID-19 out of the facility
- Identifying infections as early as possible
- Preventing spread of COVID-19 in the facility
- Assessing and optimizing personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies
- Identifying and managing severe illness in residents with COVID-1
- Can be performed via tele-visit or in-person

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/assessment-tool-for-nursing-homes.html>

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Flu? COVID-19? BOTH?!

As we enter flu season, be aware of other etiologies or concurrent infections in your residents: Consider using these tools to help decide testing and treatment strategies.

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/diagnosis/index.htm>



Testing and treatment of influenza when SARS-CoV-2 and influenza viruses are co-circulating

- **New** [Consolidated Clinical Algorithm for Outpatient Clinic or Emergency Department Patients with Acute Respiratory Illness Symptoms \(With or Without Fever\)](#)
- **New** [Clinical Algorithm for Outpatient Clinic or Emergency Department Patients with Acute Respiratory Illness Symptoms \(With or Without Fever\) Not Requiring Hospital Admission](#)
- **New** [Clinical Algorithm for Patients with Acute Respiratory Illness Symptoms Requiring Hospital Admission \(With or Without Fever\)](#)
- **New** [Testing and Management Considerations for Nursing Home Residents](#)