Sacrifice
Dedication
Compassion
Collaboration
Accountability
Strength and Humility

EMS-Fire-Law Enforcement
Hospitals-State and Local
EOCs-SD National Guard
Hundreds of others

IN A WORLD FULL OF
DOING DOING DOING
IT’S IMPORTANT TO TAKE
A MOMENT TO JUST
BREATHE, TO JUST BE.

SELAH-MINDFULNESS.COM
Partnership with the SD National Guard
• Daily EOC Communications
• Hospital to ACS Planning
• Statewide Surge Planning
• Digital Radios

Activation Status-Trigger Points
• EOC monitoring hot spots
• Communicating with EMS agencies
• NG Partnerships at a local level
• Resource knowledge
  • Workforce scarcity
  • Inter-facility transfer challenges
COVID.SD.GOV
(4/27/2020)

Current Peak Projections:

Cases by County of Residence:

- Minnehaha: 1864
- Lincoln: 128
- Brown: 128
- Yanke: 26
- Beadle: 21
- Turner: 15
- Codington: 14
- Pennington: 12
- Union: 12
- Brookings: 11
- Lawrence: 9
- Hughes: 7

Monitoring Hot Spots
Monitoring Hospitalizations

Cases*
2212

Recovered
1257

Currently Hospitalized
64

Ever Hospitalized**
135

Deaths***
11

Level of Community Transmission or Impact of COVID-19 by County, South Dakota
Bi-directional Transfers

- Working with Health Systems
- Discussions on incoming and outgoing patient movement
  - EMS agencies transferring into tertiary centers may be asked to transfer lower acuity patients out
  - CMS 1135 waivers would allow EMS agencies to bill for services
EMS Survey

- Quick and easy information for local EMS directors to complete
- Assist EOC in identifying potential critical areas of need
- Assessment of workforce needs
SD Emergency Medical Services
Preparedness

PPE Requests:

- Email: COVIDResourceRequests@state.sd.us
- Fax: 605.773.5942
- Phone: 605-773-3048
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

Guidance available in multiple languages:
- Stop the Spread of Germs | Spanish | Nepali (CDC)
- What To Do If You Are Sick | Spanish | Nepali (CDC)
- COVID-19 Information in 10 Different Languages (Multi-Cultural Center of Sioux Falls)
- Videos (Dakota News Now)

Behavioral Health
- For Parents
  - Talking to Children About COVID-19 (Coronavirus) | A Parent Resource (NASP)
  - Helping Children Cope with Stress during the 2015-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
Workplaces
• Workplace and Employer Resources & Recommendations
• 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
• COVID-19: Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance for Staying Protected at Work
  • Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce (Department of Homeland Security)
• Business Checklists:
  • COVID-19: Manufacturing Business Checklist
  • COVID-19: Retail Business Checklist
• Social Distancing at Work Poster
• COVID-19 Business Education Call | Slides (04/22/2020)
• What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws (4/23/2020)

Food Safety
• COVID-19 Guidance for Food and Beverage Establishments in South Dakota
• Food Safety and COVID-19 (SDSU Extension)
• Shopping for Food During the COVID-19 Pandemic - Information for Consumers (FDA)
Emergency Management Assistance Compact

On March 23, 2020, Governor Noem issued Executive Order 2020-07 which recognizes the licenses of medical professionals licensed in another state in accordance with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The following professions licensed in other states have the authority to practice in SD based on an active license in another state. They do not need to gain another license in SD. It is recommended that if you are utilizing the services of one of the professionals licensed in other states that you verify the licensure status of that individual. Please contact the board office with any questions that you have during this Coronavirus Pandemic.

- Physicians and Surgeons (SDCL 36-4)
- Physicians Assistants (SDCL 36-4A)
- Advance Life Support Personnel (SDCL 36-4B)
- Respiratory Care Practitioners (SDCL 36-4C)
- Registered and Practical Nurses (SDCL 36-9)
- Certified Nurse Practitioners And Certified Nurse Midwives (SDCL 36-9A)
- Medical Assistants (SDCL 36-9B)
- Physical Therapists (SDCL 36-10)
- Dietetics and Nutrition (SDCL 36-10B)
- Pharmacies and Pharmacists (SDCL 36-11)
- Social Workers (SDCL 36-26)
- Psychologists (SDCL 36-27A)
- Occupational Therapists (SDCL 36-31)
- Professional Counselors (SDCL 36-32)
- Marriage and Family Therapists (SDCL 36-33)
- Addiction and Prevention Professionals (SDCL 36-34)
- Speech-Language Pathologists (SDCL 36-37)
- Basic Life Support (SDCL 34-11)
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/.
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.
- Refrain 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.
SD Emergency Medical Services
Health

Workforce Health:
- [Handling COVID-19 Anxiety and Stress](#)
- [SD 211 Call Center](#) and SDML work
- [Self Isolation Guidance](#) (for self and family)
- Temperature Checks
  - For on call staff; if symptomatic, contact your PCP
    - HCP are high priority for testing
  - All facilities are implementing temperature checks
- Protect yourself and your patients as if they have COVID-19
SD Emergency Medical Services

Collaboration:

- Transport agencies; ACS transportation
- Facility feedback
- EMT recertification extended to June 30, 2020
- Avera and Sanford offering free CME
- General and CDC communications
- Pearson Vue Centers
- PSAPs
Infection Control in EMS

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As of 04/25/2020
Recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

EMS clinicians who will directly care for a patient with possible COVID-19 infection or who will be in the compartment with the patient should follow Standard precautions and use PPE below:

- N-95 or higher-level respirator or facemask (if a respirator is not available)
- Eye protection (i.e., goggles or disposable face shield that fully covers the front and sides of the face). Personal eyeglasses and contact lenses are NOT considered adequate eye protection.
- Gloves
- Gown (if Shortage, prioritized for aerosol-generating procedures, or high-contact Patient care)
Recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Drivers, if they provide direct patient care (e.g., moving patients onto stretchers), should wear all recommended PPE

- Remove PPE and perform Hand Hygiene before driver enters cab
- If the transport vehicle does not have an isolated driver’s compartment, a respirator or facemask should continued to be worn

All personnel should avoid touching their face while working
Precautions for Aerosol-Generating Procedures

An N-95 or higher-level respirator, instead of a facemask, should be worn in addition to the other PPE described above, for EMS clinicians present for or performing aerosol-generating procedures.

EMS clinicians should exercise caution if an aerosol-generating procedure:
- bag valve mask (BVM) ventilation,
- oropharyngeal suctioning,
- endotracheal intubation,
- nebulizer treatment,
- continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP),
- bi-phasic positive airway pressure (biPAP),
- or resuscitation involving emergency intubation or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)) is necessary.
EMS Transport of a PUI or Patient with Confirmed COVID-19

EMS clinicians should notify the receiving healthcare facility prior to patient arrival. Keep the patient separated from other people as much as possible. Family members and other contacts of patients with possible COVID-19 should **not** ride in the transport vehicle. Isolate the ambulance driver from the patient compartment and keep pass-through doors and windows tightly shut.

When possible, use vehicles that have isolated driver and patient compartments:
- Close the door/window between these compartments before bringing the patient on board.
- During transport, vehicle ventilation in both compartments should be on non-recirculated mode.
- If the vehicle has a rear exhaust fan, turn it on.
- Some vehicles are equipped with a supplemental recirculating ventilation unit that passes air through HEPA filters before returning it to the vehicle. Such a unit can be used to increase the number of air changes per hour (ACH) ([https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/hhe/reports/pdfs/1995-0031-2601.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/hhe/reports/pdfs/1995-0031-2601.pdf)).

If a vehicle without an isolated driver compartment and ventilation must be used, open the outside air vents in the driver area and turn on the rear exhaust ventilation fans to the highest setting. This will create a negative pressure gradient in the patient area.

Follow routine procedures for a transfer of the patient to the receiving healthcare facility (e.g., wheel the patient directly into an examination room).
Cleaning

- After transporting the patient, leave the rear doors of the transport vehicle closed.
- Wear a disposable gown and gloves when cleaning.
- Ensure that environmental cleaning and disinfection procedures are followed consistently and correctly.
- Routine cleaning and disinfection procedures are appropriate for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in healthcare settings, including those patient-care areas in which aerosol-generating procedures are performed.
- Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are recommended for use against SARS-CoV-2. Refer to List N on the EPA website for EPA-registered disinfectants that have qualified under EPA’s emerging viral pathogens program for use against SARS-CoV-2.
- Clean and disinfect the vehicle in accordance with standard operating procedures.
- Clean and disinfect reusable patient-care equipment before use on another patient.
- Follow standard operating procedures for the containment and disposal of used PPE.
- Follow standard operating procedures for containing and laundering used linen.
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Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure


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Additional Scenarios:

- Refer to the footnotes above for scenarios that would elevate the risk level for exposed HCP. For example, HCP who were wearing a gown, gloves, eye protection and a facemask (instead of a respirator) during an aerosol-generating procedure would be considered to have a medium-risk exposure.
- Proper adherence to currently recommended infection control practices, including all recommended PPE, should protect HCP having prolonged close contact with patients infected with COVID-19. However, to account for any inconsistencies in use or adherence that could result in unrecognized exposures, HCP should still perform self-monitoring with delegated supervision.

** With this guidance, and risk to staff, it may be a great idea for Staff to start performing daily self monitoring of temperature and symptoms.
Other Key Points

• Other steps to take to keep yourself safe
• Surgical mask on patient
• Avoid touching your face (eyes, Nose, or Mouth while working
• CDC has issued guidance on the use of cloth facemasks for general public
  This is not PPE, but with this new guidance facilities may choose to wear cloth mask when
  social distancing may not be possible, but wear N95 or surgical mask when PPE is needed
• Provide tissues to patients to help with secretion management
• Universal face masking
• Other PPE options (university, area companies)
• CMS – Guidance –
  3. Long-term care facilities should immediately implement symptom screening for all

An exception to this is Emergency Medical Service (EMS) workers responding to an urgent medical need. They do not have to be screened, as they are typically screened separately.
Discuss Critical Standards of Care – what they are, when they occur, and the ethical principles to adhere to during a crisis. Additional topics will include resource allocation, triage, and disparities and limitations related to COVID-19.

REGISTER NOW
Other Info

• **NETEC Webinars - Healthcare Workers and Masks**
  The what, how and why of masks for healthcare workers caring for patients during the COVID-19 outbreak.

  • [https://netec.org/training-2/](https://netec.org/training-2/)

NEW – **Serological Testing for SARS-CoV-2**: Numerous tests are commercially available for serologic testing (aka antibody testing) for SARS-CoV-2. SDPHL recommends caution when evaluating and implementing antibody tests for SARS-CoV-2. Many tests, particularly those from overseas, are advertised as FDA and/or FDA-EUA approved but they are not approved. It is imperative that your facilities rigorously evaluate COVID-19 serological tests under consideration before implementation. More information about FDA-EUA approved serology tests for COVID-19 can be found on the [FDA website](https://doh.sd.gov/lab/assets/LabAlert16_TestingUpdates.pdf).
ARCHIVED COVID-19 CALLS

- 04/23/20 - Infection Prevention and Lab Call
- 04/23/20 - Healthcare Partner Webinar | Slides
- 04/22/20 - Weekly Long-Term Care Call
- 04/20/20 - Ambulance Service Call | Slides
- 04/16/20 - Healthcare Partners Webinar | Slides
- 04/15/20 - Weekly Long-Term Care Call
- 04/13/20 - Ambulance Service Call | Slides
- 04/09/20 - Healthcare Partners Webinar | Slides
- 04/09/20 - Infection Prevention and Lab Call
- 04/08/20 - Weekly Long-Term Care Call
- 04/06/20 - Ambulance Service Call | Slides
- 04/02/20 - Healthcare Partners Webinar | Slides
- 04/02/20 - Infection Prevention and Lab Call
- 03/30/20 - Ambulance Service Call | Slides
- 03/26/20 - Healthcare Partners Webinar | Slides
- 03/26/20 - Infection Prevention and Lab Call | Slides
- 03/20/20 - EMS Call
- 03/19/20 - Hospital and Long-Term Care Leadership Meeting - Slides
- 03/16/20 - Ambulance Service Call | Slides
- 03/12/20 - Teleconference for Infection Prevention and Laboratory
- 03/11/20 - COVID-19 Long Term Care Conference Call

Interim Guidance for Basic and Advanced Life Support in Adults, Children, and Neonates With Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19:
From the Emergency Cardiovascular Care Committee and Get With the Guidelines®-Resuscitation Adult and Pediatric Task Forces of the American Heart Association in Collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Association for Respiratory Care, American College of Emergency Physicians, The Society of Critical Care Anesthesiologists, and American Society of Anesthesiologists:
Supporting Organizations: American Association of Critical Care Nurses and National EMS Physicians

https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/pdf/10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.120.047463

- Reduce provider exposure to COVID-19
- Prioritize oxygenation and ventilation strategies with lower aerosolization risk.
- Consider the appropriateness of starting and continuing resuscitation.
- BLS Healthcare Provider Adult & Pediatric Cardiac Arrest Algorithm for Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Patients
- ACLS Cardiac Arrest Algorithm for Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Patients