COVID-19 Briefing for Municipalities and Counties

March 18, 2020
This is an **emerging, rapidly evolving situation**. Information in this presentation is current as of March 17, 2020. Please check the state website for the most current information and guidance.

[https://COVID.SD.GOV](https://COVID.SD.GOV)
What are Coronaviruses

- This family of viruses includes the common cold, SARS, and MERS
- Cause mild to moderate upper-respiratory tract illness
  - Runny nose
  - Headache
  - Cough
  - Sore throat
  - Fever
- Sometimes cause lower-respiratory tract illness (e.g., pneumonia or bronchitis)
- Transmission: breathing in air of infected person, direct close contact, indirect contact via objects or surfaces
- COVID-19 – disease caused by the virus
- SARS-CoV-2 – the virus
COVID-19 in South Dakota

As of March 16, 2020
- Positive* – 11
- Negative – 551
- Pending – 35
*Positive test results are no longer required to be sent to the CDC for confirmation

South Dakota Counties with COVID-19 Cases
- Beadle – 1
- Bon Homme – 1
- Charles Mix – 1
- Davison – 1
- McCook – 1
- Minnehaha – 5
- Pennington – 1

*Note: All cases had travel history outside South Dakota prior to illness onset. There is no community transmission at this time.
Community Mitigation

- Emphasize individual responsibility for implementing recommended personal-level actions
- Implement actions to protect persons at increased risk
- Focus on settings that provide critical infrastructure or services to individuals at increased risk of severe illness
- Minimize disruptions to daily life to the extent possible

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<td>cases of COVID-19, or if the community is</td>
<td>• Review, update, or develop emergency plans for the organization, especially consideration for individuals at increased risk of severe illness.</td>
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<td>• Encourage personal protective measures among organization/members and staff (e.g., stay home when sick, handwashing, respiratory etiquette).</td>
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<td>• Clean frequently touched surfaces at organization gathering points daily.</td>
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<td>• Ensure hand hygiene supplies are readily available in building.</td>
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<td>• Implement social distancing measures:</td>
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<td>&gt; Reduce activities (e.g., group congregation, religious services), especially for organizations with individuals at increased risk of severe illness.</td>
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<td>• Determine ways to continue providing support services to individuals at increased risk of severe disease (services, meals, checking in) while limiting group settings and exposures.</td>
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<td>• Cancel large gatherings (e.g., &gt;250 people, though threshold is at the discretion of the community) or move to smaller groupings.</td>
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Three Levels of Community Spread

- **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.

At this time, there remains no community spread of COVID-19 in South Dakota so we remain in the “None” category.
Community Mitigation
What Can Individuals Do

- Wash your hands frequently:
  - Use soap and water
  - Scrub your hands for 20 seconds
  - Rinse and dry completely

- Stay at home if you are sick:
  - Fever (100.4 °F),
  - Cough, or
  - Shortness of breath
  - Stay at home for 7 days after your first onset of symptoms AND at least 3 days after fever subside
What Can Communities Do

- CDC has a comprehensive website with many resources communities can use for planning. Includes areas for:
  - Schools
  - Businesses
  - Employers
  - Faith-based organizations.

Guidance

- **Mass Gatherings:** CDC recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html)


- **Travel Restrictions:** The list of Level 3 counties has grown to include most of Europe (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html)
Other Updates

- Supplies Request (for county emergency managers)
  - With move to full activation of state emergency operations center, all requests for PPE 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.
  - 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.

- Emergency Managers
For More Information

https://covid.sd.gov

1-800-738-2301

Health Alert Network: https://sdhan.sd.gov