2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

South Dakota Department of Health

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We will begin in just a few moments. Thanks!
This is an **emerging, rapidly evolving situation**. Information in this presentation is current as of May 6, 2020. Please check the South Dakota Department of Health website for the most current information and guidance.

[COVID.sd.gov](https://COVID.sd.gov)
Agenda

• Situation Update
• Laboratory Guidance
• Infection Prevention
• Community Mitigation
• Supply Chain Management
• On-going Communications
• Q&A Session

Note: Slides and a recording of the presentations will be posted to doh.sd.gov/news/COVID19/Calls.aspx following the webinar.
Situation Update
Coronavirus Situation  (as of May 6, 2020)

- **International**
  - 3,588,773 confirmed cases
  - 247,503 deaths

- **United States** (50 states + DC)
  - 1,193,813 confirmed cases in U.S.
  - 70,802 deaths
  - Community transmission identified in all neighboring states

- **South Dakota**
  - 2,779 confirmed cases in South Dakota
  - 29 death
  - 1,977 recovered
Epidemiologic “Epi” Curve of COVID-19 Cases, by Onset Date

As of May 6, 2020
General Testing Recommendations

Medical providers should consider testing individuals, using a viral test, with the following signs and symptoms of COVID-19:

- Cough or
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Or at least two of these symptoms:
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Please note that not everyone may need a test because most people have mild illness and can recover at home without medical care.
Preference can be given to the symptom-based strategy due to the potential for prolonged detection of RNA in molecular assay without direct correlation to recovery of virus in culture.

**Symptom-based strategy**

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, AND
- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery, defined as:
  - Resolution of fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND
  - Progressive improvement or resolution of respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath)

**Test-based Strategy**

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- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND

Negative results of an FDA Emergency Use Authorized COVID-19 molecular assay for detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA from at least two consecutive nasopharyngeal swab specimens collected at least 24 hours apart (total of two negative specimens).
Asymptomatic Patient – Discontinue Isolation

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**Test-based Strategy**
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- Follow the Test-based Strategy above with the modification that initiation of testing can begin immediately.
COVID-19 Testing of Previously Positive After Discontinue Isolation

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Re-exposure for Previous COVID-19 Cases

From CDC FAQs

- CDC and partners are investigating to determine if you can get sick with COVID-19 more than once. At this time, we are not sure if you can become re-infected. Until we know more, continue to take steps to protect yourself and others.

Laboratory Guidance
Testing Plan to Combat COVID-19

Guiding Principles
1. All symptomatic individuals will be tested for COVID-19 with recommendation of a provider.
2. Symptomatic individuals can receive a test without charge.
3. The plan is flexible and will adapt to the changing needs of South Dakota’s COVID-19 response.
Laboratory Strategies to Combat COVID-19

The Public Health Laboratory has a 3 tiered plan to support COVID-19 testing in South Dakota

**Tier 1 – Implementation of SARS-CoV-2 testing**
- Implement SARS-CoV-2 testing at SDPHL
- Support development of SARS-CoV-2 testing capabilities in clinical labs
- Advocate for diversification of SARS-CoV-2 testing capabilities statewide
Tier 2 – Expand Access to Testing

• Support smaller facilities with the placement of Abbott ID Now instruments
• Ensure SDPHL Mobile Laboratory readiness for possible deployment
• Support mass testing events that target at-risk, vulnerable populations
• Expand testing capacity with new platforms entering the market
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**Tier 3 – Increase Statewide Testing Capacity**

- Advocate for strong supply chains for laboratory supplies
- Share resources to ensure continuity of specimen collection and testing
- Evaluate laboratory workflows to increase efficiency and productivity
- Leverage commercial laboratory capabilities to fill unmet needs or gaps
Laboratory Strategies to Combat COVID-19

Ensure Vulnerable and At-Risk Populations Receive SARS-CoV-2 Testing:

- Hospitalized individuals
- Healthcare workers, first responders, and active military
- Individuals in communal living settings like long-term care facilities
- Underinsured or uninsured individuals
- Low-income individuals or individuals unable to pay for testing
- Homeless individuals
Laboratory Strategies to Combat COVID-19

Increase Testing Capacity by Diversification of Specimen Collection:

- PREFERRED: NP Swab (flocked) in VTM, Sterile Saline, or Sterile PBS
- ACCEPTABLE: OP Swab (flocked) in VTM, Sterile Saline, or Sterile PBS
- ACCEPTABLE: OP Swab (foam) in VTM, Sterile Saline, or Sterile PBS
- ACCEPTABLE: MTS Swab (foam) in VTM, Sterile Saline, or Sterile PBS
- ACCEPTABLE: Nasal Swab (foam) in VTM, Sterile Saline, or Sterile PBS
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Ensure Availability of Specimen Collection Supplies:

- Flocked swabs (limited availability at the SDPHL)
- Foam swabs (available at the SDPHL beginning immediately)
- Viral transport media (limited availability at the SDPHL)
- Sterile PBS and sterile saline (limited availability at the SDPHL)
- Sterile sputum cups (limited availability at the SDPHL)
- Category B shipping supplies (limited availability at the SDPHL)
Laboratory Strategies to Combat COVID-19

Increase Capacity at SDPHL Through Diversification of Testing Platforms:

1. CDC 2019-nCoV RT-PCR
2. Alternative RT-PCR Method
3. Cepheid GeneXpert
4. Hologic Panther
5. Biofire FilmArray RP2.1
Implement Antibody Testing using Dual-Method Approach:

- Chembio Diagnostic System, Inc, DPP COVID-19 IgM/IgG System
- Abbott Laboratories Inc., SARS-CoV-2 IgG assay
- bioMerieux, serology tests for SARS-CoV-2 on VIDAS

Information for providers interested in SARS-CoV-2 antibody tests:

Laboratories interested in antibody tests for SARS-CoV-2 should consult the FDA website:
https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/emergency-use-authorizations#covid19ivd
Laboratory Strategies to Combat COVID-19

Connect Facilities with Payment Information for Reimbursable Services:

- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Private Insurance
- Health Resource and Service Administration (HRSA)

Reimbursable Services Include:

- Specimen collection, diagnostic testing, antibody testing
- Visits to healthcare providers
Infection Control
Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 (Interim Guidance)

**Symptom-based strategy.** Exclude from work until:
- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and,
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

**Test-based strategy.** Exclude from work until:
- Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), and
- Negative results of an FDA Emergency Use Authorized COVID-19 molecular assay for detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA from at least two consecutive nasopharyngeal swab specimens collected ≥24 hours apart (total of two negative specimens).

**HCP with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have not had any symptoms:**

**Time-based strategy.** Exclude from work until:
- 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test. If they develop symptoms, then the symptom-based or test-based strategy should be used.

Counterfeit respirators: what you need to know

How to spot a NIOSH-approved respirator

- An approval label on or within the packaging of the respirator.
- An abbreviated approval on the filtering face piece respirator (FFR) itself.

Source: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Signs a respirator may be counterfeit

- No markings at all on the FFR.
- No approval number on the respirator or headband.
- No NIOSH markings.
- NIOSH spelled incorrectly.
- Decorative fabric or add-ons (for example, sequins).
- Claims to be approved for children’s use.
- Ear loops instead of headbands.

Visit CDC.gov/NIOSH for respirator guidance.

Visit usfa.fema.gov/coronavirus for fire and EMS COVID-19 updates.

https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/usernotices/counterfeitResp.html
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
Additional Infection Control Discussions

- EMS Provider Calls
- LTC Call
- LAB/IP Call
Community Mitigation
Dashboard

- Active Cases: 868
- Currently Hospitalized: 69
- Recovered: 1492
- Total Positive Cases*: 2373
- Ever Hospitalized***: 165
- Deaths***: 13

Case Results*

- 2373 (14%)
- 14460 (86%)

Case Map by County of Residence

Cases by Age Range

Cases by Sex

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Community Impact Map
Step-down Criteria

Counties will be evaluated on a daily basis for the following steps down in level of community spread:

• Substantial to minimal/moderate: No active cases in a county

• Minimal/moderate to no community spread: 28 days have elapsed since the last active case

The following criteria are still in place to define new or ongoing community spread:

• None: COVID-19 cases may occur in the community, but there is NO community transmission

• Minimal to moderate: There are 1-4 cases of community-acquired COVID-19 in a county

• Substantial: There are 5+ cases of community-acquired COVID-19 in a county or a distinct group of cases in a single area (e.g., city or county)
Supply Chain Management
PPE Request Procedure

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.
On-going Communication
Helpful Information Sources

COVID.sd.gov

coronavirus.gov

SD COVID-19 Help Line: 800-997-2880
Communications

• SD-HAN: sdhan.sd.gov
• Epi Listserv
• Lab Listserv
• HAI Listserv
• OLC Listserv

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