

- Gov. had a call with USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue this morning regarding Smithfield Foods
  - o We expect to receive the final report from the CDC about Smithfield tomorrow; when we do, we will release to the public
  - o We have a request to make sure that there is necessary PPE for the facility
- Gov. had a call with the state's county commissioners this morning
- South Dakota is 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation in Covid testing per capita, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the region
  - o SD currently has 61 people with positive Covid cases in the hospital
  - o SD has one of the lowest death rates (on a per capita basis) in the nation
- Gov. knows that as the weather is getting nicer, people will get antsy, and will want to get back to normal sooner rather than later
  - o We have a plan from the White House to do a phased approach to return to normal
  - o We need to continue to have innovative approach to make sure employees feel safe in returning to work
  - o We appointed a medical review committee that will make recommendations about how to implement the White House plan to return to normal
    - State officials will take the recommendations from the medical committee and add substance to how it can be done to make sure SD gets back to normal in the best way possible
- Gov. said there have been 15,000+ downloads of the CARE 19 app to date
- Reporter ?: Can you confirm a case in a retirement center in Pierre?
  - o Kim Malsom-Rysdon (Dept. of Health secretary): Can't confirm that information at this time
- Reporter ?: The rescue bill that is going through Congress right now, what does it mean to South Dakota state government?
  - o Gov. said there will be funds in there for hospitals; state governments will need flexibility with how states can spend the funds coming in the various Congressional bills; Gov. hopes there will be guidance in the current bill that will allow states to use \$\$s to replace lost revenue
  - o Gov. said state needs \$\$s to be able to run departments like Labor, Social Services, GOED
- Reporter ?: Part of the White House guidelines is proper testing capacity. Does SD have the capacity it needs?
  - o Gov. said we have testing capacity at the state's hospitals and state health lab; SD is already at Phase 1 in the White House plan; We need to continue to do mitigation for the next several weeks
  - o Gov. said SD is in a much better place with testing supplies that where we were 2-3 weeks ago, but we need to be more aggressive with our testing going forward
- Reporter ?: As far as the state HCQ drug trial, who is eligible to receive it?
  - o Malsom-Rysdon – Will be available to anyone whose doctor says it is OK for them to be part of the trial
- Reporter ?: Are you planning to test people who are asymptomatic?
  - o Malsom-Rysdon – We are not recommending at this time that we test people who are asymptomatic; want to make sure that SD has enough testing supplies to get tests to those who are symptomatic
- Reporter ?: What was at the top of the agenda for the county commissioners when you talked to them today?

- Gov. said there was discussion about the bill that failed on the last day of the legislative session which would have given counties powers that would be more like what cities have currently
  - Gov. said she has not had any legislator contact her office saying they would change their vote on that legislation, so as of now, there is no plan to bring that bill back during the special session in June
  - Gov. said a lot of the discussion this morning involved questions about what will happen with state parks, fish cleaning stations, out of state travelers, etc.
  - Gov. said she will continue to hold weekly calls with the mayors and county commissioners; need to be able to have a flow of discussion so she hears what is going on at the front lines, and local government leaders know what is going at the state government level
- Reporter ?: There are 7 new cases in Brown County today. Is there any particular source for that uptick in cases?
  - Malsom-Rysdon: Still investigating the cases in Brown County; as of now, we can't say yes or no to the fact that the cases might be at a particular employer; state sent a team to Brown County to review the situation at the DemKota beef plant last week---team consisted of staff from Dept. of Health, Animal Industry Board, and other state agencies; have had in-person visits with DemKota, multiple calls and sent them a variety of information
- Reporter ?: Do we have enough supplies to list a specific date when South Dakota will be able to complete Phase 1 of White House plan to come out of lockdown?
  - Gov. said there is no specific time when we will be able to meet all the criteria to complete Phase 1; Gov. is continuing to advocate to any/all sources that might be able to send testing supplies to SD
- Reporter ?: Regarding the car races at Jefferson, is there any way to track those who attend to see if they spread the virus?
  - Gov. said there is no way that she is aware of to arbitrarily track those who attend the race; Gov. said she is continuing to tell people that they need to stay home