

- Gov. said she is extending the executive order (EO) for another 2 weeks for those people living in Minnehaha and Lincoln counties who are 65 and older and for people in those counties who have chronic health conditions
- Gov. is also signing an EO to cut through some state regulations which will allow state government to better respond to the pandemic
- Gov. again asks people to download the CARE 19 app which will help with contact tracing if someone tests positive
- Gov. asked people to go to her Facebook page and take part in a couple of fundraising opportunities that are going on to raise funds for the Salvation Army, Feeding South Dakota and Native American assistance projects
 - o She also highlighted that the SD Community Foundation has already contributed \$600,000+ for various relief efforts
- Reporter ?: What is the Gov's guidance to communities and businesses as some towns/cities look at lifting restrictions?
 - o Gov. said people need to refer to her original EO for guidance, need to social distance, practice good hygiene, no more than 10 people in a location at one time; Gov. said there is also info on the state covid website with information and recommendations for businesses
- Reporter ?: How will you enforce the restrictions in the EO?
 - o Gov. said they are in constant contact with groups like the Retailers association, mayors, county commissioners to make sure they have the most updated info on state guidance for businesses
- Reporter ?: Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe is now requiring travel papers for people who are attempting to enter the reservation. Has Gov. been in contact with Chairman Frazier to discuss the issue?
 - o Gov. said she and the other state officials have been in regular contact with tribal leaders; she said there have been some controversy over who has jurisdiction in these areas—state doesn't have jurisdiction, feds do; Gov. said that it is important to keep in mind that essential services need to continue to operate—stores need to restock shelves, supplies need to get to health care centers, DOT crews need to be able to maintain state roads, etc.
 - Gov. said she has talked to the US Dept of Health and Human Services about getting adequate testing supplies to IHS facilities
 - o Followup ?: Should traveling public go around reservation areas due to these travel restrictions?
 - Gov. said that some reservations are making it clear that they do not want outside visitors to enter the reservation; people need to be aware of those areas
- Reporter ?: Is the state paying for Covid tests?
 - o Kim Malsom-Rysdon (DOH secretary): Any tests done at the state health lab are done at no cost to the patient; insurance companies are paying for tests for patients; not sure about specific case being asked about, but it may be a case where the person does not have health insurance
- Reporter ?: Reporter downloaded the CARE 19 app and it is showing that the reporter went into businesses that were never entered.
 - o Malsom-Rysdon: Will have DOH staff reach out to discuss the issue; the app uses GPS to determine if someone has been in a location for 8-10 minutes; that is the length of time that gives someone the best chance for exposure and/or passing on the virus

- Reporter ? : Can you give us the status the contact tracing and who is doing it?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon: there are 131 staff doing contact tracing currently; when DOH is notified of a positive test, DOH staff contact the patient and starts investigation about close contacts; staff makes contact with close contacts ASAP; process is very labor intensive but it all about trying to control the spread of the virus; contact tracing staff include DOH employees, National Guard members, nurses and other state employees; have also identified other state employees that can help if more staff is needed
- Reporter ? : What is Gov's top "ask" this week? What is her top "need"?
 - o Gov. said her top "ask" is for people to stay vigilant and to continue to take the virus seriously; as weather is getting nice, people need to continue to follow social distancing practices; SD will not hit peak until June, so we need to continue to what we are doing for the foreseeable future; Gov. said her biggest need is to continue to upgrade the state's testing capacity
- Reporter ? : With nicer weather coming and people getting outside more, is there any evidence that the virus is transmitted by mosquitoes?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon: It is thought that the virus is **not** transmitted through blood transmission like what will happen when a person is bitten by a mosquito; main transmission threat to humans is through respiratory droplets; mosquitoes do transmit other diseases so people need to be aware of those (ie. West Nile)
- Reporter ? : The union that represents Smithfield Foods employees has asked that their members be classified as front line personnel (primarily so they can have access to same types of PPE as health care personnel). Gov's thoughts on this?
 - o Gov. said that it would be unprecedented to give meat packing employees the same type of status as doctors and nurses; the Gov. has the request and is reviewing it
- Reporter ? : Can you give us a status report on the Demkota beef plant?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon: DOH had a team there last Friday; same team was there yesterday; Demkota is making changes to limit close contact and is working on getting appropriate levels of PPE; state govt is trying to make sure that Demkota has the necessary resources of safety equipment