

- Gov. wanted to thank Pres. Trump and VP Pence along with federal HHS for their hard work
 - o Governors had a 2 hour phone call with President earlier today
 - o SD will be getting a shipment of Remdesivir which will be used for patients that are suffering most significant symptoms of virus
- Smithfield Foods is re-opening; that is good news for workers and for regional pork producers
 - o Gov. met via phone with Smithfield workers in two separate calls; had a good conversation
 - TY to Lutheran Social Services for help with interpreters
- Gov. gave an update on the mass testing event that was targeted at Smithfield Foods employees and families
 - o Conducted 3,628 tests; had already tested about another 1,000 people prior to that
 - Found that 24% tested positive
 - Gov. said that even though state's number of positive cases went up significantly, need to remember that more testing is going to result in more positive cases being identified
 - Need to remember that focus should be on the number of hospitalizations, not number of positive cases
 - TY to Avera, CDC, SD National Guard and DOH for help with organizing the mass testing event
- Kim Malsom-Rysdon (Dept of Health Secretary) – Have 76 positive cases at Demkota beef plant in Aberdeen during past 3+ weeks
 - o Demkota management has been very good to work with; have done multiple site visits; Demkota is doing health checks 2x/day on workers; barriers have been set up; PPE for workers
 - o If any business has questions about how to get back to normal, they can reach out to Dept. of Health
- Gov. said the executive order that has been in place asking those aged 65+ and those who have vulnerable health conditions to shelter in place in Minnehaha and Lincoln counties will be allowed to lapse today; that EO had been in place more most of the past month
- Gov. also said she has signed a new EO giving businesses flexibility with financial statements
- Reporter ?: Update on state highway check point controversy between SD and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and Oglala Sioux Tribe?
 - o Gov. said that people need to have access to the area to allow necessary products and services to flow onto those reservation areas; need to allow people to have access to areas for business and ranching purposes; Gov. is getting reports that being restricted from moving through reservation areas due to checkpoints
- Reporter ?: What communications has Gov. had with tribes?
 - o Have had on-going conversations with tribal leader for over a month; am hopeful that we can find a resolution to the issue; we need to see essential services move through these checkpoints; These concerns have been communicated to the tribes
 - o Gov. said there are stories that seem to appear that what tribes are saying and what is happening on the ground may differ
 - o Gov. said she believes the state and federal governments have jurisdiction over state highways in question; tribes can have jurisdiction over tribal roads
- Reporter ?: Democrats in Congress are proposing a plan that would give individuals \$2,000/month throughout the duration of the pandemic. What can the federal government appropriately do in these times?

- Gov. said that SD has \$1.2 billion in federal funds that state can use but need flexibility in how SD can spend that money; feds have done a lot with unemployment and stimulus fund but SD needs to respond in other areas
- Reporter ?: Are the mass testing results for Smithfield Food employees above, below or at the expected numbers and what is long-term value in holding an event like this?
 - Malsom-Rysdon – The long term value is that those with positive cases will be able to be isolated/quarantined which will contain spread of virus
 - We are making smart use of our available testing resources by holding these mass testing events when necessary
 - In other places that have done mass testing, some testing events have yielded higher rates of positive cases than what was seen in Sioux Falls last week
- Reporter ?: What is state-tribal dispute playing out in public and what is timeline for legal action?
 - Gov. said the dispute really comes down to needing to maintain travel and access so that clarity can be brought to this issue for the people who live on the reservation
- Reporter ?: The tribes say they are concerned for the tribal elders and others who are vulnerable in their populations. What is Gov's reaction?
 - Gov. said that she and the state have done a lot to help all the state's tribes to get ready for the pandemic; state has offered assistance to HIS, has helped tribes get PPE, have asked the SD National Guard to be ready if their assistance is ever needed in remote areas of SD including remote reservation areas
 - Gov. said there may be a time when we may need to get ambulance onto tribal lands; need to get essential services onto reservation lands including groceries; Gov. hopes to have a resolution to this issue soon
- Reporter ?: Will this divide between the state and the tribes hurt the state in the future?
 - Gov. said that she does not believe it will hurt the state in the future; SD has worked with the tribes on a variety of issues in the past (meth/drug use prevention; violence vs indigenous women; education bill for tribal students/schools in this year's legislature; foster care issues and DSS training; road and infrastructure funding)
- Reporter ?: Are essential services being turned around at checkpoints or just being inconvenienced?
 - Gov. said she is not going to get into specific stories, but essential services need to be maintained and need clarity on this issue
- Reporter ?: A number of legislators (mostly Democrats) have sent the Gov a letter regarding the tribal checkpoints saying Gov. does not have legal authority to remove checkpoints. What are Gov's thoughts?
 - Gov. said state has been holding regular calls with legislators to keep them updated on all issues related to the virus; Gov's staff has been in regular contact with legislators too
- Reporter ?: Why is Gov forcing an ultimatum with tribes by using a threat of a lawsuit?
 - Gov. said she is hoping to find a resolution soon; been in conversation with tribes on this issue for over a month
- Reporter ?: What have conversations with the tribes been like over the past month?
 - Gov. said she has had multiple calls and text message exchanges with Chairman Frazier from Cheyenne River; Gov's staff has had contacts with tribal contacts; DOT and other state agencies have talked to tribal leaders; Sec. Flute from SD Office of Tribal Relations has also played a role in talks
- Reporter ?: Is there a SD Highway Patrol presence on reservations?

- SD has a memo of understanding with several of the state's tribes with regard to Highway Patrol presences on reservation lands; those memos of understanding work well but we do not have those memos in place with these two tribes