

Tuesday, May 12th

- Gov. gave update on Small Business Relief Fund administered by GOED
 - o Distributed \$10.5 million to 200 businesses across SD
 - o Took just over 3 weeks from day the bill was signed until all the funds were expended
 - o Thanks to all GOED staff for hard work in making this program successful
- Kim Malsom-Rysdon (Dept. of Health secretary) gave update on state distribution of PPE to health care providers
 - o Glad we are in a position to assist health care providers access PPE
 - o Will work with various licensing boards to allocate N95 masks, surgical masks and face shields
- Gov. called on Tribal Relations secretary David Flute to give update on tribal checkpoints
 - o Flute – thanks to Malsom-Rysdon and DOH staff for being a resource for tribes; have been in contact with FEMA Region 8 re: various questions from tribes; have disseminated info from IHS, BIA, etc.
 - Communications has been key to success on various issues between tribes and state during past 18 months
 - Have heard varying stories about checkpoints from tribal members and non-tribal members versus what is being told by Chairman Frazier from Cheyenne River
 - o Gov. said people need to have access to essential goods and services on the reservations
 - Gov. sent additional communications to Chairman Frazier today; hoping to find resolution to this issue soon
- Gov. also noted that this week is National Hospital Week
 - o Gov. has appreciated all help from hospitals and health systems who have shared staff and resources to assist state in past several weeks
- It is also National Law Enforcement Week
 - o Have asked a lot from them in past two months; please drop them a note or say Thank You
- Gov. also noted that 114th Air Guard Fighter Wing will be doing flyover of East River hospitals this Saturday; will be impressive
- Reporter ?: What is the plan going forward regarding tribal checkpoints on state highways? Will there be a lawsuit?
 - o Gov. said that new communication has been sent to Chairman Frazier today, but not planning to file a suit at this time
- Reporter ?: Has Gov. solicited help from Democratic legislators who sent letter to Gov last week on behalf of tribes? And what is Sec. Flute's role?
 - o Gov. said there has been assistance from some of the legislators who signed on last week's letter; Sec. Flute has been a great advisor on this issue
- Reporter ?: Gov. has talked about lots of communications with Chairman Frazier but what about Chairman Bear Runner at Pine Ridge?
 - o Gov. said she has not talked to Bear Runner; staff has had communications with Bear Runner
 - o Flute said state officials have extended their hand to Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) on multiple times; have only talked to Bear Runner once on a related issue
- Reporter ?: Why has it taken so long to take legal action on the tribal highway checkpoints?
 - o Gov. said the state has been working with tribes to bring about a solution without a law suit if possible

- Reporter ?: What communication has been shared with OST?
 - o Gov. said OST has been included on all calls between state and tribes and all communications sent out by state to the tribes
- Reporter ?: (did not catch the question)
 - o Gov. said the state believes the tribes have authority to establish checkpoints on tribal highways but not on state and federal highways
- Reporter ?: Why was 48 hour threat used and what is different now?
 - o Gov. said that a resolution is needed and that was rationale on deadline; we are still working towards a solution
- Reporter ?: Has state considered using signage to warn travelers about tribal checkpoints?
 - o Gov. said that has not been considered at this time
- Reporter ?: What does compromise look like on checkpoint issue?
 - o Gov. said that if tribes want to have checkpoints on BIA roads, that is OK but need to take down checkpoints on state and federal highways
- Reporter ?: Cheyenne River tribe said things are going smooth with the checkpoints but what does OST say?
 - o Flute – some of the first calls to Flute’s office were from OST members who had concerns about the checkpoints
 - o Gov. said that the press may want to reach out to the Congressional delegation as this is a federal issue too
- Reporter ?: OST has issued a lockdown order on everyone living on reservation due to 2 positive cases on reservation. Thoughts?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon – There are 2 new cases that have been reported in Oglala County that will be listed on tomorrow’s DOH update
 - o Gov. said the tribe can do what they decide is best for tribal members living tribal lands; if someone who tested positive needs assistance isolating from their family/close contacts and doesn’t have financial resources to do so, the state can help
- Reporter ?: Was recently announced that ND State Fair has been cancelled; is there a way the SD State Fair can be held?
 - o Gov. said the Lt. Gov is working on State Fair planning today; Gov. hopes there is a way to hold the State Fair this year
- Reporter ?: Will there be a charge to health care providers who get PPE from the state?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon – this shipment of PPE is coming from FEMA so it will be provided to health care providers at no cost; but this might be a one-time deal depending on the amount of PPE coming from FEMA
- Reporter ?: If tribes don’t remove checkpoints, will SD go forward with lawsuit?
 - o Gov. said she is not prepared to say at this time; hoping for a solution to the issue
- Reporter ?: Will PPE go to locations on the reservation?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon – working through state licensing boards to distribute PPE so it is possible that some will be shipped to reservation locations
- Reporter ?: What about 1990 court decision which says state does not have jurisdiction on reservations?
 - o Gov. said there are many legal cases that could be used in this case; would not be appropriate to comment on only one decision
- Reporter ?: Can you tell us what was in the letter to the OST and CRST chairmen?
 - o Gov. said that her office is waiting for a response from both; will wait to release the text of the letters to the press out of respect for both chairmen