

- Gov. said there was a conference call yesterday with Pres. Trump, VP Pence and First Lady Melania Trump to discuss children's mental health issues and the impacts of the outbreak on children's well being
  - o SD Dept. of Social Services has announced \$9 million in funding from the CARES Act to assist licensed child care facilities
- Gov. said that May is Foster Care Month
  - o Foster care is an issue that the Governor is very passionate about and encourages everyone to consider becoming a foster parent
- Gov. had recent calls with SD mayors and county commissioners
  - o Major point of discussion was what Covid-related expenses that local governments might be able to be reimbursed for
- Gov. said she has been following the situation in Black Hawk where a large sink hole has developed over an old gypsum mine and has caused a number of homeowners to evacuate their houses
  - o Gov. will be holding a conference call with the affected homeowners and will update the press on the outcome of the call
- It was three weeks ago that the Gov. issued the "Back to Normal" plan
  - o SD needs to keep an eye on hospitalization rates; so far they are stable
  - o It is expected that as mass testing ramps up in the near future that there will be an uptick in the number of positive cases reported
- Reporter ?: What kinds of expenses can local governments be reimbursed for?
  - o Gov. said that such things as PPE, mitigation measures (physical barrier), EMS expenses, technology to implement telemedicine among other examples
- Reporter ?: President Trump has announced financial aid for beef ranchers...thoughts? Also, can you give us an update on the ability to sell beef across state lines from SD state inspected processing plants?
  - o Gov. said that financial aid to beef producers is welcome news; hope to use some of the oversupply of beef to get to those in need
  - o Gov. said we want to be able to sell beef processed in state inspected facilities across state lines; hoping for a federal executive order to allow that to happen
- Reporter ?: It has been confirmed that a resident at the Cornerstone Shelter in Rapid City has tested positive. Does that facility qualify to be part of the state's mass testing program? Will there be plans to test other locations where there are multiple people living under one roof (ie. Domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters, etc.)?
  - o Kim Malsom-Rysdon (Dept of Health secretary) – Yes, those types of settings are part of the overall plan; if there are positive cases in some of those facilities, they may need to do testing sooner

- Reporter ? : How has the CARE 19 app performed? Any response to ACLU's concerns about privacy?
  - o Gov. said that there has been a lot of usage of the app; turning over any info collected by the app for contact tracing purposes is totally voluntary; state will continue to make it available
- Reporter ? : What is the status of the HCQ drug trial?
  - o Gov. said that all three health systems in SD are involved in the trial; participation is voluntary and done so in consultation with the patient's own doctor
  - o Malsom-Rysdon – hope to have the first results in September; will have specialists from all three health systems review the findings
- Reporter ? : Beadle County has doubled the number of reported positive cases in the past week. There has been reported cases at LSI Meats in Alpena and Dakota Provisions turkey processing plant in Huron. Response?
  - o Malsom-Rysdon – Dept. of Health reaches out to employers where there are multiple positive cases; DOH can do on site consultation or do it over the phone; mass testing in these places is an option if the employer agrees and thinks it is a good idea;
- Reporter ? : Is any of the state's \$1.25 billion from CARES Act supposed to go to the state's tribes?
  - o Gov. said that there were specific lines of funding in the CARES Act that are allocated for tribes across the country
- Reporter ? : Was there funding in the CARES Act to pay for students who needed internet access to be part of remote learning?
  - o Gov. said that the state Dept of Education did get some funding to assist with expenses in this area
- Reporter ? : With announcement that Pres. Trump is taking HCQ, would the Gov. consider taking HCQ?
  - o Gov. said that is a decision that everyone needs to make in consultation with their personal physician
- Reporter ? : Can you give us an update on the tribal checkpoint issue?
  - o Gov. said that the state and the OST and CRST tribal governments continue to have discussions but there is no resolution to the issue at this time
- Reporter ? : Will the state file a lawsuit if there is no resolution?
  - o Gov. said that solution is still on the table but there is no suit expected in the near future
  - o Gov. said the tribes have not accepted nor rejected the Gov's proposal for bringing and end to the issue; Gov. encourages the press to ask questions of the tribes and get their thoughts

- Reporter ? : The latest modeling that was released to the press was on April 28. At that time, it was projected that at the peak, the state would need 2,200 hospital beds. What does the latest modeling show?
  - o Gov. said the trends are good; SD is far below where we expected to be at this point, but we need to stay prepared; still expecting to peak in a matter of weeks
- Reporter ? : Has the CARE 19 app been useful?
  - o Malsom-Rysdon – As of now, no one who has tested positive has been using the app, so don't have an answer to that question at this time
- Reporter ? : Wednesday is worker appreciation day at Smithfield Foods. Does the Gov. anticipate issuing a statement?
  - o Gov. said that we should be thanking the Smithfield workers for their dedication to the work they do; can certainly plan a statement; city of Sioux Falls is planning to recognize workers