

- Gov. gave an update on how she plans to utilize some of the federal funds coming to SD from the CARES Act
  - o Health care, small business and local govt will be priorities for immediate needs
  - o Gov. is still hoping to utilize some of the federal funds for revenue replacement of the state general fund
  - o Will likely not need a special session before the end of the state fiscal year on June 30
- Gov. signed two executive orders today
  - o One EO loosens licensing board restriction
  - o The other extends the state's state of emergency which is necessary to access federal assistance
- Gov. said that \$68 million will be going to SD schools (higher ed and K-12) for Covid programs
  - o \$19 million will be going to 10 state public higher ed institutions
    - Half of that money will go to students
    - Half will go to the schools to defray expenses
  - o Tribal and private colleges will get about \$7.6 million
  - o SD K-12 schools will get about \$41 million for cleaning schools, providing technology and other Covid-related expenses
- Gov. has about \$8 million available in an emergency fund
  - o Gov. said she will be announcing grants soon for private schools and universities
- Reporter ?: Can you give us an update on the tribal checkpoint issue?
  - o Gov. said there is still an on-going investigation so she will not comment at this time, and there has been no followup from any of the federal authorities or offices that were supplied with investigation evidence last week
- Reporter ?: President Trump has said national GOP should consider an alternative site for the national GOP convention since NC governor has not agreed to allow all attendees into the convention hall. Has Gov. offered SD as a possible site?
  - o Gov. said she has not offered SD as a possible host of the national GOP convention
- Reporter ?: Privacy concerns were aired last week about the CARE 19 app. Does the Gov. have the app on her phone?
  - o Gov. said she does have the app on her phone and she does not have concerns about privacy as turning over any info is strictly voluntary and up to the user
- Reporter ?: Are the funds discussed earlier part of the state's \$1.25 billion from the CARES Act?
  - o Gov. said these are part of the CARES Act dollars
  - o She said the state will be putting forward a plan to help cities and counties cover a variety of Covid-related costs
  - o US Treasury is still considering more fiscal relief for CARES Act funding (ie. Allow state to use \$\$s for replacement revenue) but have not gotten a final decision
- Reporter ?: Would Gov. advise state's public K-12 schools to put a 0% increase in their budgets even though they are supposed to get a 2% increase based on decision by 2020 legislature?
  - o Gov. said that would be reasonable advice
    - She said that schools are still uncertain of what their expenses may be going forward and where some of the funds to pay for the additional expenses may come from
- Reporter ?: Has the state made a plan, or had any discussions, about how K-12 students may return to school in the fall?
  - o Gov. said she talked to the state secretary of education this morning; each school is making a plan to return to the classroom this fall, as well as do remote learning this fall; each school will need to make the best decision for them at the time

- Reporter ?: Can you give us an update on the state's HCQ study, especially since the World Health Organization dropped its HCQ study due to concerns over how the side effects of the drug may negatively impact a patient's health?
  - o Kim Malsam-Rysdon (DOH secretary) – all studies currently being conducted using HCQ are different; WHO dropping their study doesn't mean that the state's study is comparable; state and the health care systems working on the study are making sure that all safety measures are being followed
- Reporter ?: Are any other tribes interested in doing a mass testing event similar to the one done at Sisseton last week?
  - o Malsam-Rysdon – the Sisseton testing event was very successful; state is now starting to coordinate testing events with Standing Rock, Yankton and Rosebud
- Reporter ?: Have OST or CRST formally responded to the Gov's plan to remove the tribal checkpoints from state and federal highways?
  - o Gov. said the state has received no formal response but have had some informal thoughts from them
    - Neither has accepted the Gov's offer to lower the checkpoints and put them on tribal roads only
- Reporter ?: Can you share what was discussed on the call between the nation's governor and the Vice President this morning?
  - o Gov. said the main discussion was about supply chain issues, along with how states are doing with re-opening; Gov. said it was a call that covered a lot of general issues