

- Governor wants to thank all the teachers in the state during Teacher Appreciation Week
- Gov. wants to give an update on Smithfield Food plant
 - o Had a call on Saturday with Smithfield execs, CDC and USDA
 - o Want to thank Vice President Pence, USDA Sec. Perdue for all of their assistance in getting the plant operational again
 - o USDA, CDC and OSHA will be conducting future reviews of the plant's working conditions
 - o CDC did a walk-through of the plant this morning
 - o The plant will be up and running soon
 - o The SD Dept. of Health worked with Smithfield to secure 4,000 face shields and 20,000 face masks
 - o SD DOH worked to do outreach to Smithfield employees
 - o Planning to do mass testing of Smithfield employees and their family members/close contacts (both symptomatic cases and asymptomatic cases)
 - o Gov. offered thanks to Avera for their help with the logistical planning and staffing
 - o Gov. offered thanks to the SD National Guard for their assistance in setting up the mass testing facility
 - o Will take 48 hours to get the tests returned from the lab
- Gov. outlined the initial information received from March sales tax returns
 - o Have to remember that 2/3 of March was normal economic activity
 - o Seeing a decrease of \$18.1 million to the general fund
 - Biggest hits have been in hotels, restaurants and clothing stores
- Gov. wants to remind people to continue to practice social distancing, wash hands, practice good hygiene habits, etc.
 - o Encourages people to download CARE 19 app to assist with contact tracing
- Reporter ?: Mayor Ten Haken (Sioux Falls) said he would like to see more testing sites like the one that is being set up for the Smithfield employees. Is that a possibility?
 - o Kim Malsom-Rysdon (Dept. of Health secretary) – Mass testing is something that is being planned but it will likely not be available for anyone on demand; need to do mass testing in order to get segments of the population back to work; as there is more reliable antibody testing available, more of those tests will be used
- Reporter ?: Any progress on Lt. Gov. report for pork production?
 - o Gov. said she very much appreciates the work of Lt. Gov. Rhoden
 - o Many ag producers are facing financial ruin
 - o Lt. Gov. has helped producers find alternative markets
 - o LG has worked with Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources to develop plan to keep more hogs on a site without harm to the environment
 - o Followup ?: Sounds like there is a bottleneck for beef producers?
 - Gov. said alternative marketing is helpful for beef producers
 - Consolidated packing industry is a problem
 - Need to be more diversified in the future so the challenges with packing plant shut downs don't have the major impacts like they did in past several weeks
- Reporter ?: How quickly will Smithfield add employees? House Ag Chair Collin Peterson has called for a task force to assist ag sector with recovery. Would Gov. be willing to serve on task force if asked?
 - o Gov. said she would be willing to be part of the task force if she were asked
 - o She said Smithfield will be bringing employees back in stages, will take 5-6 days until all operations are ramped back up

- Reporter ?: What percentage of population is asymptomatic?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon – We know the incubation period is 14 days; CDC just changed guidance over the weekend, if person is found to have symptoms or the virus (even if they are asymptomatic), they need to stay home for 10 days and need to be fever free for last 3 days before breaking quarantine
 - o Mass testing is really only a “snapshot in time”; results are only good for that day since people could come in contact with some who is carrying the virus and be infected the next day; this is why a test for antibodies is what is more important in the long run
 - o Mass testing for Smithfield employees is optional at the request of Smithfield management
 - o Gov. said that if the state has a concern for a specific population, we will design testing for them, but we are not planning to test everyone in SD
- Reporter ?: Has the Univ. of Washington model factored into the Gov’s Back to Normal plan?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon: UW model is one that SD has reviewed but have been more focused on model from the Univ. of Pennsylvania
- Reporter ?: In regard to mass testing, what is difference between testing for Smithfield employees and mass testing for all SD residents?
 - o Gov. said we know there is an issue with Smithfield employees, and we want to make sure it is safe for them to return to work
 - o Followup ?: What is Avera’s role in the Smithfield testing vs the state’s role?
 - Gov. said the state has set up the logistics of the testing for Smithfield employees and will pay for the costs of those test; Avera is providing the staffing for the test center
- Reporter ?: Is there plan to do testing at places like Demkota beef plant or other packing facilities?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon: DOH is working with Demkota management; will continue to see mass testing sites set up when it is deemed necessary/appropriate
- Reporter ?: What are the plans to deal with the budget shortfall?
 - o Gov. said the feds have sent funds from the CARES Act to help with Covid response, but those dollars are not to be used for general revenue loss to state budgets
 - o Gov. said she is concerned about financial issues for SD towns and cities as they have seen a major loss of sales tax \$\$\$
- Reporter ?: What is the status and tenor of the talks with federal officials re: loosening of restrictions for use of \$\$\$s?
 - o Gov. said the talks have gone well, but feds don’t want to bail out states that have made bad budget decisions in the past, and feds don’t want to bail out state pension funds that are underfunded
- Reporter ?: Just need a refresher, why is Covid different from the flu?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon – There are many different types of flu; there is no vaccine for Covid so there is no way to protect people; Covid is very contagious, more so than most flu viruses; there is no Covid treatment
- Reporter ?: What is the general reaction to the Gov’s Back To Normal plan?
 - o Gov. said that most folks have been asking about what it means for them personally; Gov. said she has told them to review their local ordinances; still need to protect vulnerable populations; SD will see more positive cases but we now have the hospital capacity to handle the peak
- Reporter ?: Has Gov. had any conversations with Tribal Affairs Sec. Flute about Sisseton reservation and the increase in cases there?

- Malsom-Rysdon: state has been in regular contact with all tribal leaders; have provided them information throughout the process
- Gov. said if someone tests positive and has no place to go (if they go home they might infect their family/extended family), the state will help those individuals