

- Gov. gave an update on the drive through testing event that was done yesterday for Smithfield Foods employees and their families
 - o Nearly 1,500 tests were conducted
 - o Approximately 10% of the individuals who were tested showed Covid symptoms
 - o Thanks to the SD National Guard and CDC for being on the ground to assist
 - o Thanks to Avera for help with personnel to conduct the testing
 - o CDC said it was one of the biggest testing events they had been a part of
- Gov. said she has accepted the resignation of Kim Vanneman, SD Sec. of Agriculture
 - o Vanneman will continue to be an informal advisor to Gov.; Noem praised Vanneman's efforts during her tenure as Ag secretary and said she will be missed
- Gov. is appointing Lt. Gov. Rhoden to be interim Ag secretary
- Lt. Gov. Rhoden thanked Gov for the opportunity to help ag producers recover from the economic challenges they are facing
 - o Rhoden said he had read about law change in Wyoming that would allow producers to sell meat directly to public
 - o He said SD allows that type of sale already but are working on a work-around that would allow sales across state lines directly from producers to public in other states
- Gov. highlighted problems of violence faced by indigenous women across the US
 - o 4 in 5 indigenous women across the US experience violence at some point in their lives
 - o Gov. asked everyone to take a moment and think about the challenges faced by indigenous women
- Reporter ?: Is Gov. considering other mass testing opportunities similar to the one in Sioux Falls yesterday?
 - o Gov. said mass testing opportunities will be considered on a case-by-case basis if circumstances necessitate
 - o Kim Malsom-Rysdon (SD secretary of health) – the mass testing site in Sioux Falls was important so we could get people back to work at Smithfield
 - Mass testing is part of our plan going forward
 - Already looking at nursing homes as a possible option for future mass testing
- Reporter ?: Can you give us a status report of a possible meeting with representatives of Smithfield employees?
 - o Gov. said she and her staff are facilitating a meeting but probably not in person due to Covid concerns
- Reporter ?: Is Rhoden a possibility for full time Ag secretary position?
 - o Gov. said she just accepted Vanneman's resignation so it is too early to think about a full time replacement but she is glad that Rhoden agreed to fill in during the interim
- Reporter ?: Is SD National Guard a possible option to get Smithfield plant up and running (as possible line workers)?
 - o Gov. said that is not something that has been discussed nor is it something that would be appropriate use of the Guard
- Reporter ?: The state's small business relief fund has been depleted. Is there any discussion of adding more funds to that program?
 - o Gov. said that all the funds that had been appropriated to that program have been allocated; if more \$\$s are to be directed to the program, they would have to come from sources outside South Dakota; Gov. said she is still waiting for guidance from federal officials on how CARES Act funding can be utilized; those funds would be an example of funding that might be directed to the program

- Reporter ? : RE: violence on indigenous women, has Gov. seen “Somebody’s Daughter” movie? Have you talked to state Attorney General about this issue?
 - o Gov. has not seen the movie, but has heard about it and will make a mental note to budget time to watch it; Gov. said she has talked to AG about ways to make headway on this issue
- Reporter ? : Can you us more details about what is being done to set up meeting with Smithfield employee representatives?
 - o Gov. they are planning to set up the meeting and that her staff is facilitating the details
- Reporter ? : How do we raise consumer confidence to go out to businesses as things begin to return to normal?
 - o Gov. said there is information for consumers and business owners about how to transition back to normal
- Reporter ? : Can you give us an update on the HCQ drug trial?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon – registry portion of the trial is up and running; clinical side of the trial is still under review based on some new information from the CDC
- Reporter ? : What is the specific problem about shipping beef across state lines if purchased directly from the producer?
 - o Rhoden said there are 3 tiers of slaughter facilities:
 - Lowest tier is inspection exempt; these are small locker plants
 - Middle tier is state inspected facilities; any meat processed there can be shipped anywhere in SD; so far, when changes have been attempted to change federal regulations to allow shipment across state lines, major packers have opposed
 - Top tier is federally inspected; can ship anywhere in US
 - o Gov. said that SD inspections are equal to, if not more stringent, than federal inspections so there should be no concern about beef processed in a SD locker plant that operates under SD regulations
- Reporter ? : May is beef month; what would Rhoden say to SD beef producers?
 - o Rhoden said that SD has some of the best beef in the US; there is not a lot to be happy about in beef country right now; he said that it doesn’t make sense that boxed beef is being sold for record, or near-record prices while SD producers are in very tough financial straits
- Reporter ? : Is there a concern about nursing home populations?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon – we know that nursing homes are vulnerable populations; DOH has given guidance and information to nursing homes across SD; have also provided PPE to nursing home facilities; DOH is currently doing unannounced infection control analysis at every nursing home in SD; reviews from inspections that are being reported to Malsom-Rysdon are very positive and that the inspections are going very well
- Reporter ? : Is there an update to the guidance on when/where people should be wearing masks?
 - o Malsom-Rysdon: CDC guidance has recently changed; people now should consider wearing one when they go out in public