

Covid-19 data for Thursday, October 1

<https://doh.sd.gov/news/coronavirus.aspx>

There are 502 new cases of Covid-19 in South Dakota reported in the past 24 hours, along with 245 additional positive cases that are being reported from previous days for a total of 747. That brings the total number of cases to 23,136.

There are 28 new hospitalizations in the state which brings the total number of people ever hospitalized in South Dakota to 1,578. Currently, there are 214 people in the hospital with Covid symptoms.

There are 13 new death reported in the past 24 hours, so the total number of deaths sits at 236. The new deaths are in Beadle, Bennett (2), Brule, Clay, Codington, Custer, Haakon, Hanson, Minnehaha, Tripp, Turner and an unnamed county.

Currently, there are 3,832 active cases of Covid-19 in South Dakota.

There are 560 new recoveries in the past 24 hours. The total number of recoveries now sits at 19,068.

To date, there have been 279,609 tests performed on 195,003 unique individuals.

15.1% of all Covid tests in the past 24 hours have been positive.

13.8% of all Covid tests in the past 7 days have been positive.

13.6% of all Covid tests in the past 14 days have been positive.

9.1% of all Covid tests have been positive since the start of the pandemic.

As of today, 9% of all hospital beds in South Dakota are occupied by Covid patients.

50% of all hospital beds in the state are occupied by non-Covid patients.

41% of all hospital beds in South Dakota are currently unoccupied.

As of today, 17% of all ICU beds in the state are occupied by Covid patients.

59% of the state's ICU beds are occupied by non-Covid patients.

24% of South Dakota's ICU beds are unoccupied.

**As of today, 6% of all ventilators in the state are being used by Covid patients.
14% of the state's ventilators are being used by non-Covid patients.
81% of South Dakota ventilators are currently not being utilized.**

An outbreak of Covid has been detected at the SD Women's Prison in Pierre following a mass testing event. Currently, 110 of the 197 cases of Covid cases diagnosed among staff and prisoners are listed as being recovered.

FYI, beginning next week, the Dept. of Health will be reducing their media briefings to just one time per week.