COVID-19 — SOUTH DAKOTA — 3/26/2020

South Dakota Legislature. Due to COVID-19, the South Dakota legislature plans to convene March 30, 2020, via electronic conference.

Executive Branch Actions. The following is a summary of actions taken by the South Dakota government since March 5, 2020:

- March 5 — Governor Kristi Noem and the South Dakota Department of Health commissioned an agency task force for coordination and planning with partners and other state agencies and developed an action plan for information management, incident management, and monitoring for persons at risk of infection, among other actions.
- March 16 — Governor Noem activated the federal Small Business Administration’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program in South Dakota to help eligible businesses and nonprofit entities impacted by COVID-19.
- March 17 — Governor Noem announced that all schools in South Dakota will remain closed for another week.
- March 19 — Governor Noem extended the Executive Order directing state employees to continue to telework through the next week and maintaining the ban on state employee work-related travel outside South Dakota.
- March 23 — Governor Noem issued an Executive Order urging South Dakotans to practice Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations and implement social distancing measures; and urging businesses to modify business practices as necessary to comply with CDC guidance.

Cases. As of March 26, 2020, South Dakota has 46 cases of COVID-19 and 1 death. There have been 1,973 tests with a negative result.

Sources
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