

State COVID-Operation Snapshot for South Dakota

Statewide Mask Order: No.

The South Dakota Department of Health recommends “wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.”

Statewide Travel Restrictions: No

Current Executive Order Status: Back to Normal

April 28, Gov. Noem announced a “Back to Normal” plan that mandates hygiene and sanitization, leave for sick workers, telework, and employee health screenings where appropriate.

The state had not imposed a stay at home order, only a statewide order encouraging businesses to modify practices or scale down operations. Though the order makes no formal requirements of businesses, it references the federal CISA guidance as the guidelines for essential businesses that should not be limited by the order.

A second order signed by Noem requires vulnerable individuals (defined by the order to include adults over the age of 65 and those with underlying medical conditions) in Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties (covering the Sioux Falls area) to stay at home. However, individuals within those categories who are employed in "essential" businesses as defined by the federal CISA guidance are exempt from the order.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Gov. Noem Back to Work Order – [View Here](#)
- South Dakota Safe at Home Order – [View More](#)
- Gov. Noem Vulnerable Individuals Order – [Learn More](#)
- South Dakota COVID-19 Resources Page - [Click Here](#)

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