

Special Board of Health Meeting
May 26, 2020, 12:00 pm
Clinic Conference Room
521 N Main Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Agenda:

- Call Meeting to Order
- Approval of Minutes from May 1, 2020

New Business:

- COVID -19 Situation Update
- Review of May 1, 2020 Business Regulations of the Board of Health Pertaining to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Consideration of Recommended Guidelines
- Public Input
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*Items added after the agenda deadline: the Sioux Falls Board of Health may include such other business as may come before this body.

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BOARD OF HEALTH RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES
TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES COVID-19
AND TO PROTECT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has declared a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Mayor issued Executive Order No. 218 declaring an emergency to address the novel Coronavirus COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor declared an emergency in the state of South Dakota in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-12 setting forth requirements regarding personal, business, and health care precautions to be taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President unveiled the “Guidelines for Opening up America Again” plan on April 27, 2020, and the Governor released the South Dakota “Back to Normal” plan on April 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of 12 noon on May 21, 2020, within Minnehaha County there are 3,195 total confirmed cases of COVID-19, 630 active cases of COVID-19, 2,524 individuals recovered from COVID-19, and 41 deaths linked to COVID-19. A total of 14,884 COVID-19 tests have been reported by the State Department of Health in Minnehaha County; and

WHEREAS, as of 12 noon on May 21, 2020, within Lincoln County there are 211 total confirmed cases of COVID-19, 39 active cases of COVID-19, 172 individuals recovered from COVID-19, and no deaths linked to COVID-19. A total of 2,388 COVID-19 tests have been reported by the State Department of Health in Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, as of 12 noon on May 21, 2020, within the state of South Dakota there are 4,250 total confirmed cases of COVID-19, 1,057 active cases of COVID-19, 3,145 individuals recovered from COVID-19, and 48 deaths linked to COVID-19. A total of 30,045 COVID-19 tests have been reported by the State Department of Health in the state; and

WHEREAS, there is currently substantial community spread of COVID-19 in Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends certain actions for the mitigation of community transmission of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, social distancing measures and restricting the size of gatherings. They also recommend the use of cloth face masks as a way to prevent the spread of disease from asymptomatic but infected persons; and

WHEREAS, there is clear evidence that some individuals who contract the virus causing COVID-19 have no symptoms or only mild symptoms, which means they are likely unaware they carry the virus. Because such individuals can still transmit the virus, and because evidence shows that the disease is easily spread, gatherings promote transmission of the virus causing COVID-19. Evidence further demonstrates that the virus causing COVID-19 has a propensity to attach to and remain on surfaces for prolonged periods of time, and it can thus be spread through contact with contaminated surfaces; and

WHEREAS, the scientific evidence also shows is critical to slow transmission of the virus causing COVID-19 to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the City’s health care system from being overwhelmed. One proven way to slow the transmission is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, the CDC continues to issue updated guidance recommending that the population of older adults and people with serious underlying medical conditions should stay home and take precautions every day to guard against contracting the disease through community spread; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Sioux Falls have successfully “flattened the curve” by followed guidance and requirements to socially distance, practice good respiratory hygiene, isolate when ill, and limit nonessential activities; and

WHEREAS, the health care entities in Sioux Falls continue to successfully manage their inpatient bed capacity throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, SDCL 9-32-1 confers upon municipalities the power to do what may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of disease; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sioux Falls has established a Board of Health and prescribed its powers pursuant to SDCL 9-32-2; and

WHEREAS, Section 92.053 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sioux Falls, SD, confers upon the Sioux Falls Board of Health full power to take all steps and use all measures necessary to promote the general cleanliness and healthfulness of the city and the general health and well-being of the people and community served, and to adopt any regulations, rules, or measures deemed advisable to carry out such charges; and

WHEREAS, the measures contained herein are necessary in order to protect, preserve, and promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Health hereby adopts the following recommended guidelines relating to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), in order to slow the spread of the virus and to protect vulnerable populations:

Section 1: Safe Practices. Residents of Sioux Falls should continue to practice good respiratory hygiene, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of their elbow, wash hands often, disinfect surfaces frequently, avoid touching their face, and adhere to social distancing

guidelines. Additionally, consistent with current CDC guidance, residents over the age of two who do not have trouble breathing should consider wearing cloth face masks when they are in public areas outside of their homes, such as, by way of example and not limitation, the grocery store or medical clinic. Such masks should not be used as a substitute for social distancing, which is vital for slowing down the spread of COVID-19.

Section 2: Vulnerable Populations. To help avoid contracting the virus that causes COVID-19, adults over the age of sixty-five (65) and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, collectively referred to as “Vulnerable Individuals,” should be especially diligent and cautious in their actions and behaviors.

A serious underlying medical condition may include chronic lung disease, severe respiratory disorder, moderate to severe asthma, serious heart or cardiac condition, immunosuppression, diabetes, liver disease, chronic kidney disease or someone undergoing dialysis, or other condition identified by one’s medical provider.

Vulnerable Individuals should also take the following actions to reduce their risk of getting the disease COVID-19 as recommended by the CDC:

- Wash hands often;
- Take precautions every day to keep space between others (stay a minimum of 6 feet away, which is about two arm lengths);
- Keep away from people who are sick;
- Maintain an adequate supply of essential items;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched services;
- Avoid all cruise travel and non-essential travel; and
- Call a health care professional with questions about underlying medical condition, COVID-19, or if you are sick.

Section 3: Health care. Residents of Sioux Falls should call ahead to health care providers if feeling sick.

- a) Residents should attend routine medical appointments, but should follow the guidance of their medical providers and always call ahead if feeling sick.
- b) Residents should continue to go to the pharmacy to pick up medications but should strive to use drive through or delivery services whenever possible.

Section 4: Mental and Emotional Health. Residents of Sioux Falls should be mindful of their mental health.

- a) Residents should engage in outdoor activity such as, by way of example and not limitation, walking, hiking, running, or biking, provided that individuals comply with social distancing and all other measures as advised by the CDC.
- b) Residents should be good neighbors to those around them and help others if able, keeping in mind that it remains critical to use safe practices as recommended by the CDC.

- c) Residents should support local businesses to the greatest extent possible while abiding by CDC guidelines and this Resolution.

Section 5: Businesses. Businesses should exercise good judgment and follow the recommendations of the CDC, State Department of Health, and other health experts to protect the health and safety of their employees and patrons, such as, by way of example and not limitation, protective barriers at points of sale, cloth face coverings for employees and patrons, physical distancing, and frequent cleaning of frequently touched surfaces. Licensed food establishments in particular may consider disposable or touchless menus, biodegradable serving ware and utensils, separating all parties by at least 6 (six) feet, and limiting self-service food and drink stations.

Section 6: The Regulations of this Board of Health dated March 12, 2020; March 17, 2020; March 26, 2020; April 15, 2020; and May 1, 2020 are hereby repealed.

Date adopted: _____

Board of Health Chair