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Living in Philip is a blessing for many reasons, one of which is being insulated from the problems associated with big cities and larger populated states. However, the COVID-19 Virus is the exception. This virus will touch all of our lives in some form or another. Whether it be a shortage of toilet paper, missing a basketball game, or striking you, your friends or your family with the virus itself. Preparedness, not panic should rule the day. Therefore; we ask that we all follow the CDC's recommendations listed below.

## What can you do?

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Refraining from touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Individuals at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness, such as older adults and people who have chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease, should take actions to reduce your risk of exposure.
- Create a family plan to prepare for COVID-19 and develop a stay at home kit with food, water, medication, and other necessary items.

South Dakota's healthcare system is prepared to identify and treat cases of COVID-19.

## If you develop symptoms:

- Call your health care provider immediately and tell them about any recent travel or exposure.
- Individuals who are concerned that they have COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider via phone before going to a clinic or hospital to prevent spread in healthcare facilities.
- Avoid contact with other people.
- Follow the directions of your provider and public health officials.

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CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. You should only wear a mask if a healthcare professional recommends it. A facemask should be used by people who have COVID-19 and are showing symptoms. This is to protect others from the risk of getting infected. The use of facemasks also is crucial for health workers and other people who are taking care of someone infected with COVID-19 in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).

Together we will get through this. In the meantime, be safe, be well, and God bless our health care providers.

Michael Vetter, Mayor