



The **Road** to
Recovery

South Dakota's **Back to Normal** Plan

Health Care Providers:

- ▶ Hospitals treating COVID-19 patients should reserve 30% of their hospital beds and maintain appropriate stores of PPE to meet surge demand
- ▶ Other hospitals and surgery centers must have updated transfer protocols and adequate stores of independently-sourced PPE
- ▶ Non-hospital healthcare can resume with adequate stores of independently sourced PPE
- ▶ Continue to restrict visits to senior care facilities and hospitals

Q: Can doctors resume clinic visits? Can dentists, optometrists, chiropractors, and other healthcare providers resume operation?

A: Non-hospital healthcare, including clinic visits, can resume so long as providers secure adequate supplies of personal protective equipment without relying on the state supply.

Q: Does this mean I no longer have to “stay at home”?

A: South Dakota never issued a “stay at home” or “shelter in place” order. South Dakotans are encouraged to use common sense and practice good hygiene and reasonable physical distancing.

Q: Do I have to keep wearing a mask when I am in public?

A: Masks have never been required, but South Dakotans are encouraged to continue to consider [CDC guidance](#) and use.