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## CRST COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

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The CRST COVID-19 Response Plan on the Cheyenne River Reservation is set by our current risk level. Risk level is determined by three measurable public health criteria: 7-day test positivity, community spread, and hospital capacity. For more details regarding risk level criteria, see page 6. The summary guidance for public advisory, childcare/education systems, healthcare systems, community, and businesses at each risk level is included below. Detailed guidance from CRST referenced below may be obtained by contacting the CRST Command Center at (605) 964-3637 or by visiting the CRST Coronavirus Website at [www.crstcoronavirusupdates.com](http://www.crstcoronavirusupdates.com).

- Level 1** - Post-COVID, establish a new normal
- Level 2** - Low risk and minimal threat to public health
- Level 3** - Moderate risk and medium threat to public health
- Level 4** - High risk and significant threat to public health
- Level 5** - Critical risk and severe threat to public health



### How to use this document:

- Step 1:** Find out what the current level of risk is for the Cheyenne River Reservation by looking on the CRST Coronavirus Website [www.crstcoronavirusupdates.com](http://www.crstcoronavirusupdates.com) or by calling the CRST Command Center.
- Step 2:** Locate the specific topic you need guidance on in the Table of Contents and go to the correct page.
- Step 3:** Find the row for the specific topic you need guidance on.
- Step 4:** Read and follow the guidance under the current level of risk. If supplemental CRST guidance is referenced, this can be accessed at the CRST Coronavirus Website [www.crstcoronavirusupdates.com](http://www.crstcoronavirusupdates.com) or by calling the CRST Command Center.
- Step 5:** Read other risk levels for your specific topic and plan/prepare to follow other risk levels if/when the level of risk changes.

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## SUMMARY OF GUIDANCE AT EACH LEVEL

Public Advisory	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
General	Educate the public/ community. Tribal & intergovernmental response meetings as needed.	Daily morning briefings and continue level 1 measures. Tribal declaration of public health emergency. Activate Emergency Operations Center (Command Center).			

Education/ Childcare Systems	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Daycares	Open with heightened hygiene and cleaning standards. Monitor children and employees for symptoms.		May be open with enhanced cleaning & distancing protocols.	May be open with limitations per CRST Daycare Guidance to essential workers ONLY.	
Head Start Tribal College Secondary Schools K-12	May be open with precautions determined by the Governing Body or Administration. School administration must cooperate with CRST Tribal Health on contact tracing, and Tribal recommendations for temporary closure when positive cases are identified.			Distance learning. Distribution of food and educational materials is permitted with precautions.	

Healthcare Systems	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Contact Tracing	Initiate contact tracing, scale capacity to match risk level. The Health Department will continue to identify and train contact investigators as part of infectious disease protocols going forward.				
General	Regular updates to/from SDDOH, Field Health and IHS.	Regular updates to/from SDDOH, Field Health and IHS. Local IHS authorizes dispensing of 60-day supply of medications.	Activate the Vet Center and dorms for quarantine patients if needed. Increased communication and coordination with SDDOH and IHS. IHS and CRST Support Services reduce PRC referrals off the reservation. VA to reschedule non-emergent care. Encourage telemedicine.	Ensure containment of COVID patients and household and provide wrap-around services. Cheyenne River Motel and Isabel Manor as an additional quarantine site in addition to those quarantined/isolated in their homes.	
Private and IHS Clinics	Open per facility protocol with heightened hygiene and cleaning standards. Monitor patients and employees for symptoms.				
Tribal Health Clinics	Open with heightened hygiene and cleaning standards. Monitor patients and employees for symptoms.		Open with heightened hygiene and cleaning standards. Monitor patients and employees for symptoms. Field Health Clinics may temporarily close if needed for COVID-19 response.		Closed

<b>Community</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>	<b>Level 5</b>
Outdoor recreation	Allowed with heightened safety precautions.	Allowed with restrictions. Visit parks on the reservation or a non-hot spot, practice social distancing and hygiene, especially in shared bathrooms, playgrounds, and swimming areas. Do not visit crowded parks. Do not visit parks if you are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19.			Not allowed
Rodeos/ Horse races	Allowed with heightened safety precautions.	Allowed with limitations per CRST Rodeo/Horse Race Guidance.	Not allowed		
Powwows		Allowed with limitations per CRST Powwow Guidance.			
Sporting events/open gyms		Allowed with limitations per CRST Athletics Guidance.			
Hunting	Allowed with heightened safety precautions.	Allowed with limitations following CRST Hunting Guidance per Tribal Council action.			
Community/ board meeting	Allowed with social distancing and heightened safety precautions per CRST Meeting Guidance			Only by remote access.	
Rummage sales	Allowed with limitations per CRST Rummage Guidance.			Not allowed	
Ceremonies	Encouraged with heightened hygiene & cleaning standards.	Consistent with guidance from Arvol Looking Horse, no ceremonies involving public or large gatherings, including sundances. Families should continue praying at home. Whether to sweat or hanbleciya is a family decision, and should be done with no people from outside your tiwahe/household.			
Parks & playgrounds	Open with heightened hygiene and cleaning standards.				Closed
Churches	Allowed with heightened safety precautions.	Services allowed per CRST Church Guidance.	Remote church services only.		
Funerals		Funerals with limitations per CRST Funeral Guidance.			
Medicine Wheel Village and Tribal manors	Open with heightened safety precautions. Monitor residents and employees for symptoms	Restricted access according to facility policy, continue level 1 measures.			
Homeless and emergency shelters	Open with heightened hygiene and cleaning standards. Monitor guests and employees for symptoms.		Enhanced cleaning & social distancing protocols. Visitor restrictions per facility policy.		
Jail & law enforcement	Practice heightened hygiene and cleaning standards. Monitor inmates and employees for symptoms.	Require masking for inmates and all employees whenever possible. Practice enhanced cleaning, hygiene & distancing protocols. Monitor inmates and employees for symptoms.			
Curfew	No curfew		10 pm to 5 am curfew		8 pm to 5 am curfew for minors and 10 pm to 5 am for adults
Public meals (feeds)	Allowed with heightened hygiene and cleaning standards.	Allowed with social distancing and other precautions. Meals not served buffet style, served individually with PPE per CRST Public Meal Guidance.	Not allowed		
Quarantine	Voluntary quarantine measures for exposed or potentially exposed residents. Mandatory quarantine per CDC Guidelines by Tribal Court order if necessary (CRST EO 2.2).				

Individuals in public places	Heightened hygiene & cleaning recommended; stay home when sick.	Social distance & face masks required in public businesses per CRST EO 2.5 & 2.7.	Stay at home recommended & face masks required in public businesses per CRST EO 2.5 & 2.7.	Stay at home order and prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people per CRST EO 2.3, face masks required in businesses per CRST EO 2.5 & 2.7.
Health & Safety Checkpoints	Monitor entry/exit points on reservation and use to support contact tracing and education efforts. 14-day quarantine recommended for individuals traveling to/from a hotspot.			

Businesses	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Tribal essential workplaces	Open with heightened hygiene and cleaning standards. Monitor employees for symptoms.	Prioritize telework options, while remaining open with limitations and exceptions for high-risk individuals per CRST Tribal Workplace Policy.			
Other essential workplaces		Open with limitations per CRST Business Guidance.			
Tribal non-essential workplaces		Prioritize telework options, while remaining open with limitations and exceptions for high-risk individuals per CRST Tribal Workplace Policy.	Work from home if possible, if not close the workplace.		
Other non-essential workplaces		Open with limitations per CRST Business Guidance per Tribal Council action.			
Leisure - private gyms, movie theater, tattoo, salon, tanning or massage		Open with limitations per CRST Business Guidance per Tribal Council action.			
Tribal fitness center/gym		Open with limitations per CRST Business Guidance.		Closed	
Restaurants/ food service		Open for dining-in with limitations per CRST Restaurant Guidance per Tribal Council action.			
On-sale alcohol sales		Return to normal alcohol sales rules.	Open with limitations per CRST Bar Guidance per Tribal Council action. Hours for on-sale alcohol are consistent with curfew Monday through Saturday. Establishments selling food must also follow CRST Restaurant Guidance.		
Off-sale alcohol sales	Hours for off-sale alcohol are 11 am to 10 pm Monday through Saturday per Tribal Council action.				

If your business is not on this list, we thank you for exercising your best judgement and taking responsibility for keeping your customers and employees healthy. **Please contact the CRST Command Center at (605) 964-3637 with questions.**

**DISCLAIMER:** The CRST COVID-19 Response Plan was initially developed in the absence of any effective treatment or vaccination for COVID-19. The criteria and risk levels are modified on an as needed basis. If the declared public health emergency ends, this document will no longer be in effect.

## CRITERIA TO DETERMINE RISK LEVEL

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe uses three measurable public health criteria to determine the current risk level on the Cheyenne River Reservation. The Public Health Task Force monitors this data and reports to the CRST Chairman and Tribal Council when the risk level has changed. When the Tribe moves to a new level, the CRST Chairman has the discretion to grant a grace period of up to 7 days for organizations to comply with the policy changes for the new level.



### **LEVEL 1 Post-COVID, establish a new normal**

1. 7-day Test Positivity: <1% of tests are positive on CRST OR
2. 7-day Active Case Average: 0
3. Hospital Capacity: Surrounding hospitals accepting patient transfers, and have >50% headroom

### **LEVEL 2 Low risk and minimal threat to public health**

1. 7-day Test Positivity: 1-4.9% of tests are positive on CRST OR
2. 7-day Active Case Average: 1-10
3. Hospital Capacity: Surrounding hospitals accepting patient transfers, and have >50% headroom

### **LEVEL 3 Moderate risk and medium threat to public health**

1. 7-day Test Positivity: 5-9.9% of tests are positive on CRST OR
2. 7-day Active Case Average: 11-25
3. Hospital Capacity: Surrounding hospitals accepting patient transfers, but have <50% headroom

### **LEVEL 4 High risk and significant threat to public health**

1. 7-day Test Positivity: 10-19.9% of tests are positive on CRST OR
2. 7-day Active Case Average: 26-60
3. Hospital Capacity: Surrounding hospitals not accepting patient transfers

### **LEVEL 5 Critical risk and severe threat to public health**

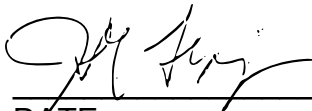
1. 7-day Test Positivity: >20% of tests are positive on CRST OR
2. 7-day Active Case Average: 60+
3. Hospital Capacity: Surrounding hospitals not accepting patient transfers

On September 17th, the criteria for active cases was changed to a 7-day average. This results in more stable trends that are less sensitive to short-term extreme highs or lows.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please refer to the CRST Coronavirus Updates website at [www.crstcoronavirusupdates.com](http://www.crstcoronavirusupdates.com) for the following information:

- Current risk level
- Policies or guidance referenced in this document (some guidances are still being finalized, until they become available refer to CDC for best-practices)
- Definitions
- COVID-19 resources such as signs, employee training materials, cleaning protocols, symptom logs, etc.

  
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