

# COVID-19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON TRIBAL LANDS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Travelers and non-tribal residents who do not have a permit for providing emergency or essential services are **NOT** permitted to travel through some South Dakota tribal lands. These checkpoints have been put in place by these tribes to protect their residents from additional COVID-19 exposure.



## PLAN AHEAD

All persons who are using highways on tribal lands as through highways may be routed elsewhere on select reservations. Travelers should be aware and mindful that these checkpoints could be expanded to other tribal lands with no prior notice. As of late July, the following travel delays can be expected:

**Pine Ridge Reservation:** Through traffic is allowed to the Pine Ridge Reservation although travel delays should be expected due to checkpoint screening.

**Cheyenne River Reservation:** Travelers should expect checkpoints requiring rerouting at all entry points to the Cheyenne River Reservation. State highways are restricted to commercial, local and essential service traffic only.

We recommend that travelers take an alternate route to avoid the checkpoints on the tribal lands in South Dakota operated by tribal law enforcement. It is to be assumed that you will be rerouted. We are especially asking motorcycle traffic to be mindful of the reroutes due to limited proximity to nearby gas stations.

It is important to note that online mapping shows that there are travel delays and travel disruption, but it does not clearly indicate the necessity to reroute. Please plan accordingly.



## REROUTING ASSISTANCE

SafeTravelUSA.com/SD and 511 displays the locations of the checkpoints and can help you route around them, as well as avoid road construction and other potential travel delays. The red/white triangles on SafeTravelUSA.com/SD indicate a travel disruption at tribal highway intersections; it is to be assumed at those markers that all through travelers will be rerouted and treated as if the road is closed.

Maps found accompanying this document and provided by the Department of Transportation may also be useful in planning your trip.



## ONLINE RESOURCES & MAPS

Visit [www.travelsouthdakota.com](http://www.travelsouthdakota.com) and click the red ribbon at the top of the homepage for additional mapping, other COVID-19 related information, and the latest information regarding tribal checkpoints for travelers.

Visit [www.SafeTravelUSA.com/sd/](http://www.SafeTravelUSA.com/sd/) to view travel disruptions and road construction information.

The South Dakota Department of Transportation is updating the maps accompanying this document and can also be found here: [dot.sd.gov/travelers](http://dot.sd.gov/travelers).



