CORONA VIRUS STATEMENT
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Freedom Lodge is closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) developments and following the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the South Dakota Department of Health (DOH) recommendations. Information is rapidly evolving, and we are working quickly to identify how we can support our staff, students, clients, and Indigenous communities during this time. Given the seriousness of the situation, we created the following health and safety guidelines to support and protect our staff and students. These guidelines will be in place for the foreseeable future, but we will reassess as new information emerges.

- **At this time, our office will continue to remain open. Our part time staff will work remotely and our full time staff will maintain regular hours.** We will be conducting business as usual and will be available by phone or email. We advise that individuals communicate with us from their location.
- **We are postponing our upcoming trainings through April 30th. We plan to resume trainings on May 1st.** If you are a student currently in a training, we will be in touch shortly to reschedule. For those of you who registered for one of our events, more details will be forthcoming.
- **All in-person meetings will either be rescheduled or held by phone or video conference.** This includes individual Historical Trauma Recovery™, Brainspotting© and Somatic Archaeology© sessions. We believe this is the most responsible action we can take to safeguard the health and safety of our staff while protecting the wider community.
- **We are restricting business travel through May 1st.**
- **We encourage you as a health care provider to limit in-person contact and be proactive regarding your health and future plans.**

For more information about the coronavirus pandemic, we recommend following the [World Health Organization (WHO)](https://www.who.int), the [Centers for Disease Control (CDC)](https://www.cdc.gov), the [South Dakota Department of Health (DOH)](https://www.doh.sd.gov), and your county public health department for news about your local area.

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