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PIERRE, S.D. – Secretary of Health Kim Malsam-Rysdon released the following statement to remind state residents that starting today, the COVID-19 vaccination age statewide has been dropped to those 70 and over in age:

"The Department of Health and our vaccination partners continue making strides in protecting South Dakotans against COVID-19 through our vaccination efforts," **said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Secretary of Health. "***Today, as we lower the age of vaccination to 70, we continue delivering on the promise of an orderly and well thought out vaccination strategy reaching all corners of our state."*

The vaccination age will continue to be decreased in five-year increments as vaccine supply allows until all people age 65 and older can be vaccinated. The Department of Health has previously released numerous tools for South Dakota residents and businesses to familiarize themselves with the state's vaccination plan and answer FAQ's.

Some of these tools include:

- COVID-19 Vaccination Process Infographic
- COVID-19 Vaccine Providers by County
- PHASE I Group(s) & Timeline Infographic
- Web-based tool to identify your priority vaccination group
- 7 Coronavirus Myths Busted by Experts

For additional information and the latest COVID-19 resources, visit COVID.SD.GOV.

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