



**Burleigh-Morton COVID-19 Task Force
Healthcare/Testing/Contact Tracing Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 13, 2020
11:00 AM**

Steering Committee Members Present: Erin Ourada, Todd Porter, Molly Howell, Nadine Boe, Kalen Ost, Crystalynn Kuntz, Maxine Herr, Vern Dosch, Raumi Kudrna, Marvin Lein, Dr. David Field

Guests Present: Nicole Brunelle

I. Subcommittee Goals

- a. Reviewed goal of subcommittee: Develop and execute focused COVID-19 testing strategy to meet task force goal. Ensure COVID-19 positive residents have access to healthcare services.

II. Meeting Schedule

- a. Interest in meeting more frequently. Erin will set up a meeting for early next week and then Thursdays at 11am will be a standing meeting.

III. Targeted testing strategy ideas

- a. Need to focus testing strategies on close contacts.
 - i. Utilize current static sites and have a lane for close contacts
- b. Concern from healthcare facilities that people are still not being accepted at test sites for testing.
- c. Nicole Brunelle from NDDoH discussed area static sites. Lab will soon be able to do 8,000/tests per day because LTC serial testing is being moved to a third party lab. This is in preparation for opening of colleges and schools.
- d. Need more messaging about quarantining while awaiting test results. Compliance issues with isolation and quarantine that need to be addresses.
- e. Saliva test is being validated at the NDDoH lab currently. Committee is interested in knowing the turn around time for this type of test.
- f. Prioritize symptomatic tests and pre-op tests
- g. Northland Health Center (Nadine) expressed interest in setting up a static site near their location by Cashwise in Bismarck.
 - i. Coordinate testing with Metro Ambulance?
- h. Discussion on establishing K-12 only testing sites. Concerns about guardian authorization was discussed. Additionally, discussion about testing for high

school athletics has been discussed in other groups and would not be considered beneficial

IV. Contact tracing capacity

- a. Testing discussion ran long and therefore this topic will be tabled for next meeting

V. Action items before next meeting

- a. Crystalynn, Erin and Gino: work on process for prioritizing testing for close contacts
- b. Kalen (Public education subcommittee): Messaging about proper isolation and quarantine
- c. Nicole (testing SME): more information about saliva test i.e. turnaround time for results
- d. Nadine and Todd: Testing near Cashwise utilizing Northland Health Center and Metro Ambulance resources

VI. Adjourn

- a. Group consensus to meet twice/week-Erin will coordinate a meeting for early next week.