



Burleigh-Morton COVID-19 Task Force
Healthcare/Testing/Contact Tracing Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 18, 2020
11:00 AM

Steering Committee Members Present: Erin Ourada, Molly Howell, Nadine Boe, Crystalynn Kuntz, Dr. David Field, Adam Roper, Dan Shaeffer, Gino Jose

Guests Present: Nicole Brunelle

I. Review of Action Items from Thursday Meeting

- a. Crystalynn, Erin and Gino: work on process for prioritizing testing for close contacts
 - i. Met on Monday and discussed a process. Gino will work on messaging with area contact tracers to reinforce the 7-10 day timeframe for close contact testing and to specifically say where the nearest testing event is. Bismarck/Mandan has a testing event every day (except Thursdays currently) and so testing accessibility should not be an issue.
- b. Kalen (Public education subcommittee): Messaging about proper isolation and quarantine
 - i. Absent at meeting
- c. Nicole (testing SME): more information about saliva test i.e. turnaround time for results
 - i. Lab is still validating the test. Dr. Field's research shows that this type of test would be low cost and low testing fatigue which are two huge benefits. Research shows it to have a 94-96% specificity.
- d. Nadine and Todd: Testing near Cashwise utilizing Northland Health Center and Metro Ambulance resources
 - i. Nadine has introduced the topic to her staff and they are willing to do a community testing. She will work with Nicole Brunelle and Grace Doppler to get set up with the Dynamics testing system and coordinate testing supplies. Nadine will also reach out to Todd Porter to see how Metro Ambulance would like to assist. Crystalynn Kuntz (Regional Emergency Preparedness) can assist Northland with their first testing event. Request for these events to be on Thursdays to fill the current gap in the week.

II. K-12 Mass Testing

- a. CDC guidance does not recommend mass testing for K-12. With static testing sites set up every day in the Bismarck/Mandan area, there are opportunities for any testing needed in this group to attend those events. Symptomatic individuals

should still seek care with a healthcare provider because of co-infection with other serious illnesses.

III. Other

- a. Issue of healthcare providers giving different guidance for isolation and quarantine. Erin will work with health systems to distribute latest Health Advisory from the NDDoH

IV. Adjourn