



Burleigh-Morton COVID-19 Task Force
MEETING SUMMARY
Friday, August 21, 2020
10:00 AM – Microsoft Teams Meeting

Renae Moch called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Renae Moch, Public Health Director, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health and Erin Ourada, Administrator, Custer Health, reviewed Statistics/COVID-19 Climate for Burleigh & Morton Counties.

Dashboard Statistics for Burleigh as of 8/21/20:

- Distinguished between positivity rate totals for reoccurring and new cases.
- Clusters and outbreaks of COVID-19 are highest in the 20-29 age group.
- Covid-19 case rate is increasing.

Dashboard Statistics for Morton as of 8/21/20:

- Percent change shows a rate increase of positivity and at highest level.
- The positivity rates are higher than the state rate.
- Active Positive cases are highest in 20-29 and 50-59 age groups.

14 Day Rolling – County Stacked Area Charts:

- Stark, Morton, Cass and Burleigh Counties are compared.
- Stark Co. has highest percent positivity unique test rate and total percent positive tests.
- Cass County positivity rates remain level and could be perceived as a model.
- Testing has increased with start of college.
- Positivity rates are double target rate.

Task Force Subcommittee Updates:

Healthcare/Testing Strategy/Contact Tracing, Erin Ourada

- Testing site locations and instructions are being clarified to the public.
- Another testing site is being created.
- Consistent messaging from various entities about isolation and quarantining is important.
- Targeted testing and increased messaging at universities could be created.

Educational Institutions & Activities – Child/Adolescent Young Adults, Anton Sattler:

- CARE-19 Alert App and dashboard discussed.
- Contact tracing participation at schools including letters to parents.
- HIPAA parameters discussed.
 - Social distancing and mask-wearing was determined to be best practice.

Underserved Populations – Wrap Around Services, Dr. John Hagan

- Extended transportation solutions to Tribal members who live in Sioux County.
- Individuals with developmental disabilities are included.
- Rated various shelter site locations.
- Security and food delivery options were discussed.
- Mental health and crisis issues were discussed.

Business Community, Brian Ritter

- Developed map of static testing sites.
- Developed Q&A from business community.
- Links to State guidelines for all communities and bars and restaurants.
- Solicited best practices from Marriott, Cloverdale and Bobcat to distribute.
- Mask-wearing campaign coordination with the greater area.
- Prepared for ad messaging to targeted groups.

Public Education & Awareness, Renae Moch, Mayor Bakken, Mike Mabin and Trish Helgeson

- Working with other subcommittees for Pub Ed needs.
- Determining messaging strategy & targeted audiences.
- Agency MABU Introduction
 - Marketing/media agency to support public health initiatives.
 - Assisting Burleigh-Morton Sub-Committee members.
 - Providing media services.
 - Develop COVID-19 Task Force initiatives.

Action Items

- Request the State to notify each college when there's a test positive on campus.
- Messaging promotion, sharing, coordinating.
- Consistent sharing of statewide dashboard information.
- Appreciate continued support of committee's expertise.
- State and County analytics and statistics more readily accessible.
- Youth outreach similar to Police and Fire in elementary schools based on education rather than mandating behaviors.

Closing Comments were provided by Mayor of the City of Bismarck, Steve Bakken and Morton County Commission Chairman, Cody Schulz.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2020 at 10 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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