



CITY OF BISMARCK DAILY BULLETIN

March 25, 2020

Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health (BBPH) Update

COVID-19 response efforts

Renae Moch, Director of Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health provided the Bismarck City Commission COVID-19 update. It has valuable information about COVID-19 testing, Contact Tracing, Case Investigation, Symptoms, How to Protect Yourself and Resources. You can click on the link <http://24.111.15.98:8100/CablecastPublicSite/show/6987> and watch from 12:08 to 23.57.

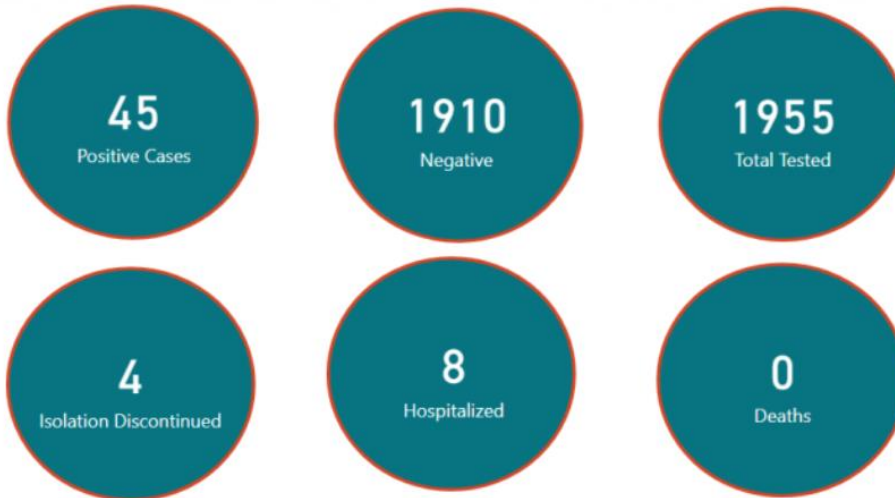
It is important now more than ever to continue to practice social distancing to slow the spread. To learn more about social distancing and how to protect yourself and family go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

As of March 25, 2020, Burleigh County has the most cases in the state of North Dakota.

North Dakota Coronavirus Reporting

Data Source: ND Department of Health, Division of Disease Control



Positive Cases: Number of individuals with a positive test result for COVID-19.

Hospitalized: Number of positive cases that were hospitalized.

Deaths: Number of individuals who died from their COVID-19 infection.

Isolation Discontinued: Number of cases that have since been released from isolation and are determined to be no longer contagious.

Total Tested: Number of people tested for COVID-19 infection at the North Dakota Department of Health Public Health Lab.

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For current information go to:

<https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/north-dakota-coronavirus-cases>

- Due to the increase in positive cases in our area, the state has reached out to us to assist with contact tracing for these individuals. BBPH staff will continue to conduct contact tracing.
- Individuals identified as close contacts of someone testing positive with COVID-19 will receive a phone call from the North Dakota Department of Health or the local public health department. You will then be provided with the appropriate steps to take next. Additionally, if a school or daycare is involved, letters will be sent to all parents. For more information visit <https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus>.
- Steps to take to avoid the spread of COVID-19
 - Stay home if you're sick.
 - Practice good hygiene: wash your hands, avoid touching your face and cover coughs and sneezes.
 - If someone in the household has tested positive for coronavirus, keep the entire household at home.
 - Older individuals and those with underlying health conditions should stay away from other people.
 - Work from home when possible.
 - Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips and social visits. Use take-out and delivery services.
 - How to Protect Yourself- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>
- What to do if you have symptoms:
 - Individuals who think they may have COVID-19 but have minor symptoms should self-isolate at home.
 - Individuals seeking medical attention should call before they go in.
 - Symptoms of COVID-19 in people who have been exposed can include fever, cough and shortness of breath.
 - The symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.
 - For questions related to COVID-19, the public can call the ND Department of Health hotline at 1-866-207-2880 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., 7 days a week. Individuals who need medical advice should contact their health care provider.
 - Steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-fact-sheet.pdf>
- If you are being tested, find what you should know in the guide at the NDDOH link:
https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/coronavirus/Fact_Sheet_for_People_Being_Test.pdf



City of Bismarck Services

- The Bismarck City Commission met as regularly scheduled March 24, 2020.
 - Social distancing guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) were followed to protect the health and safety of those in attendance
 - Several of the City Commissioners participated in the meeting virtually to allow for appropriate spacing of 6-feet or more between those attending in person
 - Live meeting coverage was provided on Government Access Channels 2 & 602HD. The public was also able to listen to the meeting to Radio Access 102.5 FM Radio, or stream <https://dakotamediaaccess.org/ch-2-home/> and <https://radioaccess.org/>.
 - City Commission action relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery includes:
 - City Commissioners ratified the March 15, 2020 state of emergency declaration relating to COVID-19 by President Bakken and extended its effect to April 14, 2020.
 - City Commissioners received an update from Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director Renae Moch regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - City Commissioners received a COVID-19 workforce update from Bismarck City Administrator Keith Hunke.
 - City Commissioners received and approved the Building Inspections Division Services in Response to COVID-19. Further information on the protocol can be found at: <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/111/Building-Inspections>.
 - The March 24 City Commission meeting, in its entirety, is available for viewing at: <http://24.111.15.98:8100/CablecastPublicSite/show/6987?channel=2>
- The City of Bismarck activated an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
 - EOC's are activated and utilized during situations that go outside the span of control of a singular entity within the City, and provide for a single source entity for collecting, validating, analyzing, and organizing emergency information to provide for effective decision making.
 - Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health has been doing a tremendous job of contact tracing, providing information to the public, and handling this unforeseen crisis with the utmost care and competence, and will now receive some supporting roles through the activation of the EOC.
 - Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director Renae Moch, alongside Assistant City Administrator Jason Tomanek, are taking the lead, and have departmental support throughout the city. This support will be crucial to plan, respond, and recover from this pandemic.
 - The goals and objectives of the Bismarck EOC are the following:
 - Address and slow the spread of COVID-19
 - Collaborate with Community Partners
 - Educate the Public
 - Continue to Support Essential City Services.

- We encourage the public to follow Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health and the City of Bismarck on our social media sites for essential information. For the most updated and timely information related to COVID-19, visit the City of Bismarck web site at www.bismarcknd.gov and follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/BBPH.gov/>, <https://twitter.com/BBPublicHealth>, www.facebook.com/bismarcknd.gov and www.twitter.com/BismarckNDGov.
- The City of Bismarck has identified the essential functions and departments within the City. A list of each of the essential departments, which essential functions they are serving, and contact information is available at: <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/35260/COVID-19-Essential-Operations-Phone-Guide-PDF>
- **Emergency Alert Feature is Now Activated on the City of Bismarck Website.** This Emergency Alert Feature provides you with the latest news and information on COVID-19 and the actions the City of Bismarck is taking in response to it. To receive real-time updates via text and email from the alert system on your handheld devices sign up for “Notify Me” at <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/list.aspx>.
- **Stay Connected with the City of Bismarck Mobile App** Download Bismarck’s mobile app to stay connected to official city resources, news, and information from your smart phone, tablet or other hand-held devices. Visit <https://bismarcknd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=6574> to see how to sign up.
- **Remember that live meeting coverage of government meetings** is available for viewing on Government Access Channels 2 & 602HD or listen to the meeting at Radio Access 102.5 FM Radio, or stream <https://dakotamediaaccess.org/ch-2-home/> and <https://radioaccess.org/>.
- The Bismarck Airport has activated a page on their website for the latest updates related to travel. Please access <http://bismarckairport.com/174/COVID-19-Information> for updated information and stay safe!
- The Bismarck Municipal Court is restricting public access due to COVID-19. If you have business to conduct with them call 701-355-1350.

Other

- ND Secretary of State Election Candidate Guidance for Electronic Signatures
 - Due to COVID-19 and the Center for Disease Control’s social distancing guidance, the ND Secretary of State has set forth the following guidance:
 - The law sets the number of signatures required for a candidate’s name to appear on the ballot for a position in a political subdivision and that cannot be changed.
 - It is permissible for a candidate to complete a petition form and then transmit it electronically to others allowing them to print the form. Then, for them to collect signatures (written not typed) from qualified electors (residing within the political subdivision) on the candidate’s behalf.



- When the circulator has secured signatures, they may scan the petition and return it electronically to the candidate who in turn can then transmit the petitions electronically, along with other required documents, to the filing officer for the political subdivision in which the candidate is seeking a position and placement on the ballot.
Filing Deadline is April 6, 2020 at 4 PM in the City Administration Department, 221 North 5th Street – 4th floor. More information is available at: <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/625/City-Elections>
- The Burleigh County Courthouse is restricting public access due to COVID-19. If you have business to conduct with any department located in the Courthouse, contact them for instructions regarding alternate communications (phone, email, website, mail, drop box). Phone number 701-355-1350 and website <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/93/Municipal-Court>.
- Effective March 23, 2020, Bis-Man Transit restricted public access to its facility and implemented changes to Capital Area Transit (fixed-route) and Paratransit service until further notice. Call 701-258-6817 or visit <https://bisantransit.com/> for more information.
- Be aware, if you are receiving phone calls or e-mails asking for donations or personal information it could be scam. Members of the public can report suspected fraud scam related to COVID-19 by calling the National Center for Disaster Fraud hotline at 866-720-5721 or emailing disaster@leo.gov.

Information and Resources

- [Daily Bulletin](#)
- [City of Bismarck website](#)
- COVID-19 information [NDDoH website](#)
- COVID-19 Hotline 7 am-10 pm: 1-866-207-2880
- [Centers for Disease Control](#)
[Español](#)
- [NDResponse.gov](#)
- Department of Commerce [resources for businesses](#)
- [Federal Trade Commission Tips for Coronavirus Scams](#)
- Follow us on www.facebook.com/bismarcknd.gov and www.twitter.com/BismarckNDGov
- and www.facebook.com/BBPH.gov and www.twitter.com/BBPublicHealth
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- [Where to Go for Help Resources](#)