



CITY OF BISMARCK DAILY BULLETIN

April 2, 2020

Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health (BBPH) Update

Facebook Live launched from Department Operations Center/Emergency Operations Center March 30th with Renae Moch, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director, and Jason Tomanek, City of Bismarck Assistant Administrator, providing COVID-19 information through BBPH's Facebook page. These informative **updates will take place each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.** throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Watch live or anytime at: <https://www.facebook.com/BBPH.gov/>

- There are now 159 positive COVID-19 cases in the state of North Dakota, with 12 of those cases added since 3:00 p.m. yesterday. Of those 12 new cases, **no new cases were in Burleigh County, keeping the total number of positive cases at 32 in Burleigh County.** Twenty-eight individuals are hospitalized throughout the state. The first, positive, pregnant case in North Dakota was confirmed today. ([CDC Guidance for Pregnant Women](#))

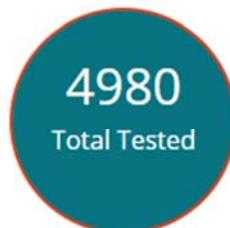
As of April 2, 2020, Burleigh County has the second-highest number of cases in the state of North Dakota.

Coronavirus Cases

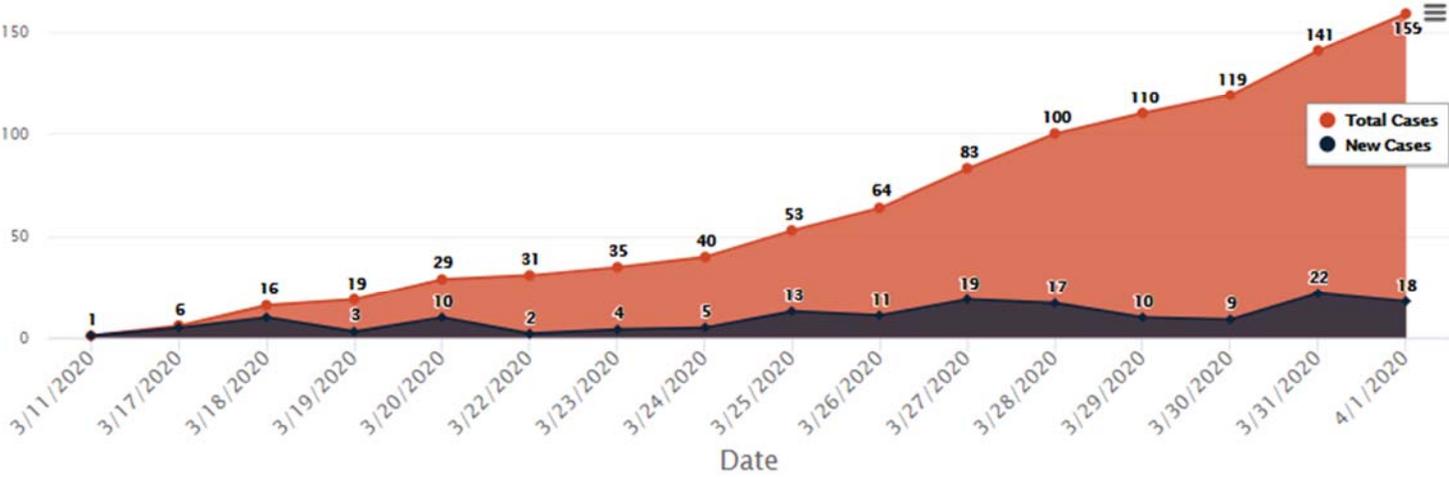
REPORTING CHANGE: Numbers will now be updated once a day at 11 AM. This allows the Department of Health to investigate individuals who test positive before reporting to the public, reducing the number of necessary corrections.

Updated around 11:00 AM daily

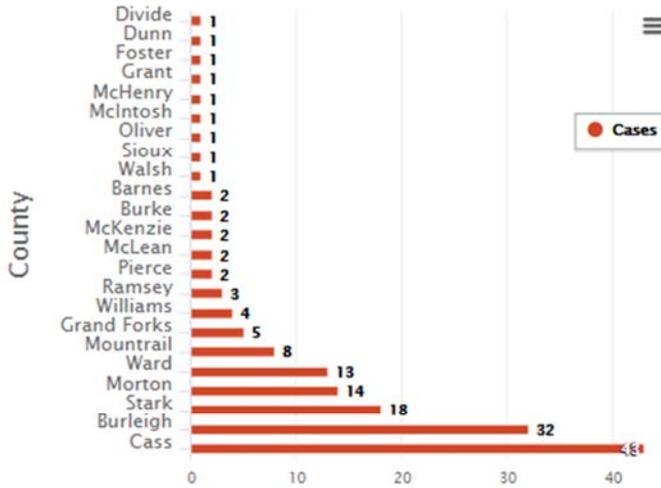
Last updated: 4/2/2020 at 10:56 AM



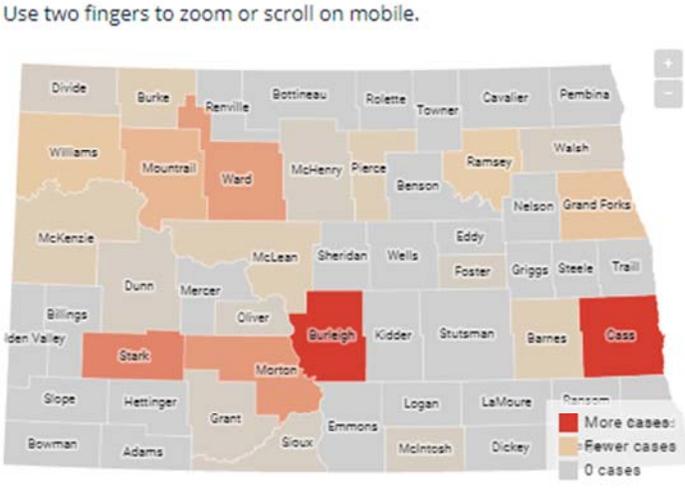
Trending Curve



Confirmed Positive Cases by County



County Map



Source: ND Department Of Health - Created with Datawrapper

List of Total Tests and Positive Cases Per County +

For current information go to: <https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/north-dakota-coronavirus-cases>

Renae Moch, Director of Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health, noted a total of three COVID-19 deaths. There is still a need to emphasize the importance of social distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. Everyone has an individual responsibility for the health and safety of our community during this COVID-19 pandemic. 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>



Due to the increase in positive cases in our area, the state has reached out to Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health (BBPH) 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>

SOCIAL DISTANCING IS A PRIORITY NOT A CHOICE

- STAY 6 FEET APART FROM OTHERS
- BE GOOD NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS BY STAYING APART

**We want to see what you are doing!
Share your photos with us:**

@BBPH.gov • #socialdistancebbph



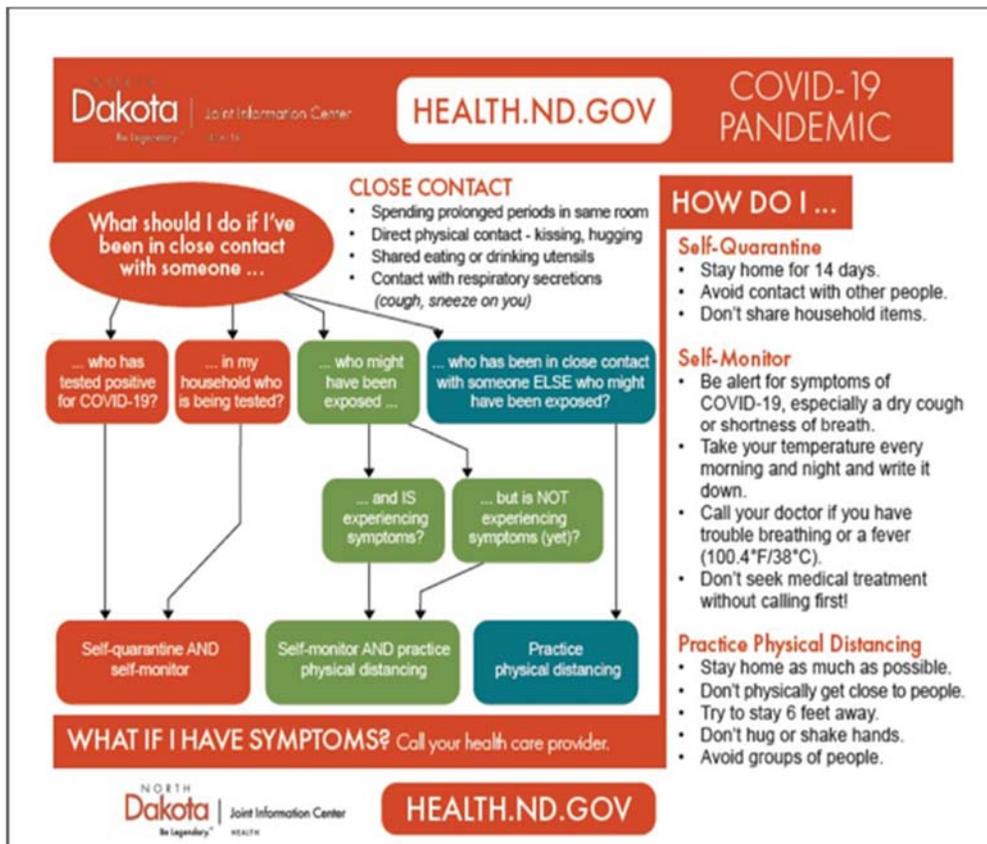
6 FEET APART



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health

NDoH COVID-19 HOTLINE: 7 AM - 10 PM
(p) 1.866.207.2880

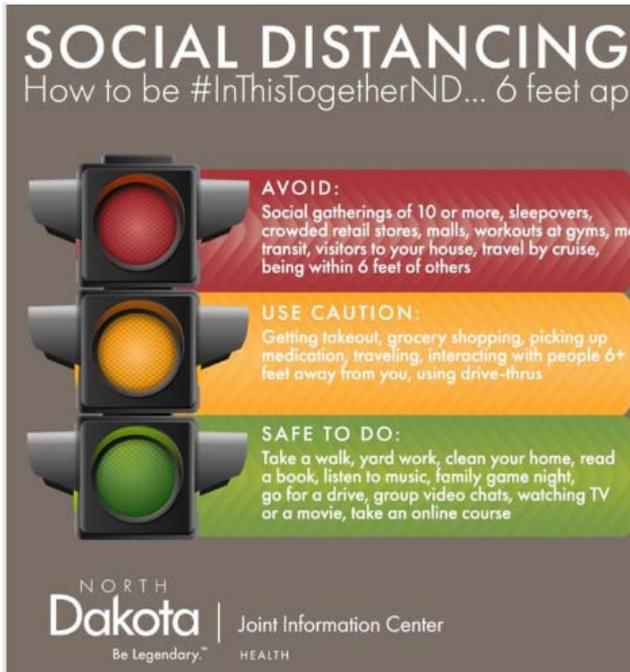
BBPH: M-F • 8 AM - 5 PM
(p) 701.355.1540
(e) bbph@bismarcknd.gov



Follow this infographic to learn more about what you should you do if you've been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

Learn more about how to protect yourself and your family during a COVID-19 outbreak here:

[Coronavirus Resources](#)



- **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 of COVID-19:**
 - 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 City of Bismarck Roads and Streets Department began plowing snow emergency routes and major arterial streets at 12:00 today. Some items to keep in mind with the recent snow event include:
 - Depositing snow from driveways and sidewalks into the street is prohibited by City ordinance (10-03-04) and creates a traffic hazard by leaving windrows or piles of snow in travel lanes.
 - Remember to drive with caution and allow more space for stopping distance and allow more room between vehicles due to the slippery roadways.



- It is the property owner's responsibility to clear snow around their mailbox. If it is a cluster box, it is the responsibility of those residents to clear the snow from around the cluster box.
- We are asking for everyone's help to clear snow from around the hydrants by "adopting" a hydrant in your neighborhood. This helps reduce the time it takes for the fire department to get water on a fire by ensuring that that we can find and access the fire hydrant when we need it most. By helping us you could save your neighbor's house or your own in an emergency.
- It is the property owner's responsibility to clear snow around dumpsters. In order to ensure that the waste is emptied during the winter months the snow must be removed in front and around the container.

We thank you for your cooperation and encourage you to check www.bismarcknd.gov for more details on this and other up-to-date city services information.

- **Bismarck Public Works wants to clarify that residents still need to put their garbage container out to the curb.** Garbage that won't fit inside the container needs to be bagged and set beside the container.

Please make sure all garbage is bagged, inside and outside the container. If it is outside the garbage container and not bagged, it will not be picked up. We ask residents not to put furniture, mattresses, cardboard, or any items other than bagged garbage out for pick up. Garbage must be bagged or it will not be picked up. Residents can take other items to the Bismarck landfill. Landfill hours of operation are Monday – Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information visit www.bismarcknd.gov.

- Bismarck's [yard waste drop sites](#) will be open by Friday, April 3rd. We ask residents for their cooperation in following the guidelines when using these sites so we are able to continue this service. Follow the link for yard waste drop site guidelines and other details: <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=6592>



The Bismarck Police Department, and the Bismarck Fire Department will look a little different when responding to calls for emergency service. To continue providing service to the community, it is important that we keep our first responders safe and healthy. They are following protocols to help protect their personnel, including the enhanced use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This equipment is designed to keep first responders, and the public, safe by minimizing contact and reducing the spread of the virus. Though conditions continue to change by the hour, the Bismarck Police Department, and the Bismarck Fire Department stand ready to support the community 24/7/365.

- Assistant City Administrator Jason Tomanek, along with Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director Renae Moch, provided information on the combined response by the City of Bismarck and Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health to the COVID-19 pandemic. Watch the most recent update [here](#). View future Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health updates on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 11 a.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/BBPH.gov/>
- City of Bismarck Mayor Steve Bakken provides a City update on Monday mornings regarding the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Be sure to watch Mayor Bakken's City Update every Monday at 10 a.m. by using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/BismarckNDGov/>. Don't miss it!
- Building Inspections Services Division has developed procedures in response to COVID-19. In an effort to reduce exposure and to protect the general public and our city employees, inspections will be suspended for all projects where access to an occupied dwelling unit is required. We are working hard to continue to provide inspections services during this unprecedented time and appreciate everyone's flexibility while we prioritize lower risk locations such as new residential and commercial projects, including healthcare facilities and critical infrastructure. Further details about the procedures can be found at: <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/111/Building-Inspections>.
- A list of City departments providing essential services, and contact information for each, is available at: <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/35260/COVID-19-Essential-Operations-Phone-Guide-PDF>
- The Downtowners Association and the City of Bismarck have created a partnership to establish temporary curbside pickup zones in Downtown Bismarck. Many cities are creating curbside pick-up zones to assist customers and businesses connecting in a safe way. McQuade Distributing has generously printed the signage for these zones to help customers and businesses connect a curbside purchase. Please help to support our local businesses as you continue to follow the health guidelines for safety during COVID-19. There are currently 8 zones in Downtown Bismarck. View the map at <http://www.downtownbismarck.com/>
- **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.
- **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/>.

Important Updates and Information

- Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem reminds North Dakota residents to check the facts to avoid being fooled by a coronavirus-related scam. “Scam artists are using the current pandemic situation to exploit our fears. We can stop them by getting the facts and using a common sense approach when dealing with those offering what seem to be too-good-to-be-true opportunities,” said Stenehjem. Remember – facts, not fear. Find more information on <https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/news/stenehjem-dont-be-fooled-coronavirus-scam>.
- Governor Burgum announced Wednesday that President Donald Trump has granted the governor’s request for a major presidential disaster declaration to make federal assistance available to support North Dakota’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The declaration makes federal funding available to state, tribal and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance. See more details [here](#).
- Governor Burgum signed an [executive order](#) waiving the mandatory one-week waiting period for unemployment benefits as claims continue to increase in North Dakota during the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more details [here](#).
- Governor Burgum extended the [executive order](#) for closures from April 6 to April 20. This includes state facilities, restaurants (other than take out or delivery) personal care services and more.

**ARRIVE SAFELY,
AND STAY THERE**

Are you traveling from an area with widespread **COVID-19**?

Visit health.nd.gov/travel to see if North Dakota's quarantine order applies to you.

NORTH Dakota | Joint Information Center

State Health Officer Mylynn Tufte signed a confinement order directing individuals to quarantine for 14 days if traveling back to North Dakota from all international locations and states in the U.S. classified as having widespread disease by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. You can find more information at <https://www.health.nd.gov/news/tufte-orders-quarantine-individuals-traveling-international-locations-or-select-states>.

- 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 fat 701-355-1350 or website <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/93/Municipal-Court> for instructions regarding alternate communications (phone, email, website, mail, drop box).
- 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://bismantransit.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](#)
- [COVID19 Resources for Business](#)
- [ND Response: COVID-19 Personal, Family and Community Support](#)
- [Where to Go for Help Resources](#)
- [Missouri River system Game and Fish boat ramp access status](#)
- Department of Commerce [resources for businesses](#)
- [Federal Trade Commission Tips for Coronavirus Scams](#)
- Follow us on www.facebook.com/BBPH.gov and www.twitter.com/BBPublicHealth
- www.facebook.com/bismarcknd.gov and www.twitter.com/BismarckNDGov
- [Stay Connected with the City of Bismarck Mobile App](#)
- [ND Attorney General Consumer Protection consumer complaints](#) call toll-free 1-800-472-2600