



CITY OF BISMARCK DAILY BULLETIN

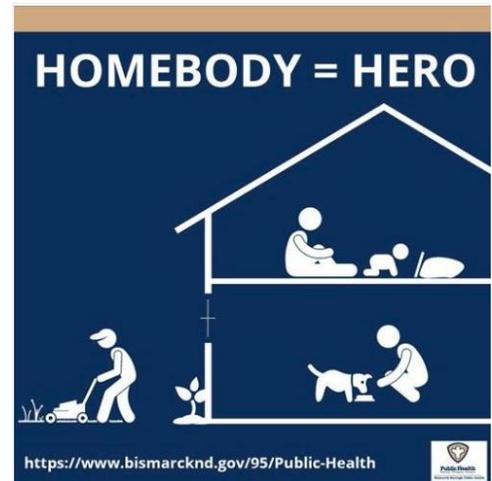
April 14, 2020

Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health (BBPH) Update

Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health kicked-off of a 'Homebody Hero' campaign last week that supplies a broad variety of creative ideas designed to serve as a guide for activities that anybody can do at home to help them stay healthy, active and occupied throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Renae Moch, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director, was interviewed by [KFYR-TV News](#) and [KXMB-TV News](#) regarding the 'Homebody Hero' campaign. Check out the interviews and find out how to participate in the 'Homebody Hero' campaign by following Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health at www.facebook.com/BBPH.gov.

Director Moch stated efforts to promote the Homebody Hero campaign are on-going and she continues to encourage people to tell friends, family, and anyone who will listen to **STAY HOME!**



- **Drop-off location for homemade masks**

National Medical Resources will be serving as a drop-off location for individuals to donate homemade masks. Their address is 2792 E Broadway Ave in Bismarck and they will have a drop box available between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

COVID-19 Case Reports, North Dakota Department of Health

As of April 14, Burleigh County still has the second highest number of positive cases. There are now

Coronavirus Cases

Updated around 11:00 AM daily

Last updated: 4/14/2020 at 11:00 AM

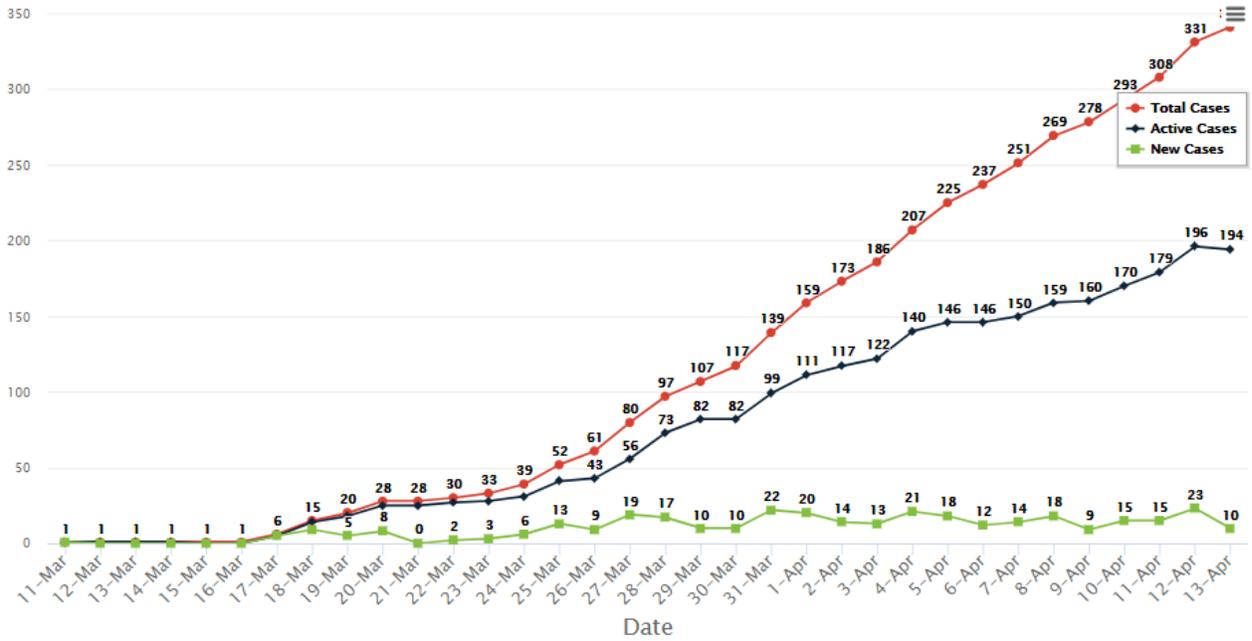


341 positive COVID-19 cases in the state of North Dakota. Of those new cases, **one case was in Burleigh County, for a total of 52 positive cases in Burleigh County.** Thirteen individuals are currently hospitalized throughout the state. The first, positive, pregnant case in North Dakota was confirmed April 2, 2020. [\(CDC Guidance for Pregnant Women\)](#) There have been nine COVID-19 related deaths in the state.

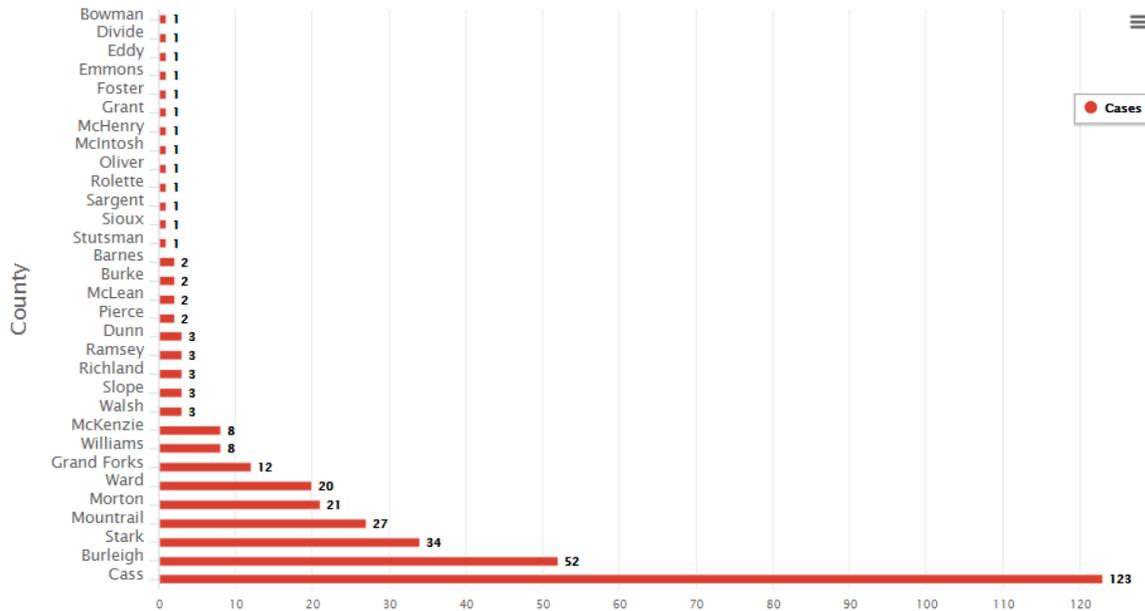


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Total Positive Cases by County

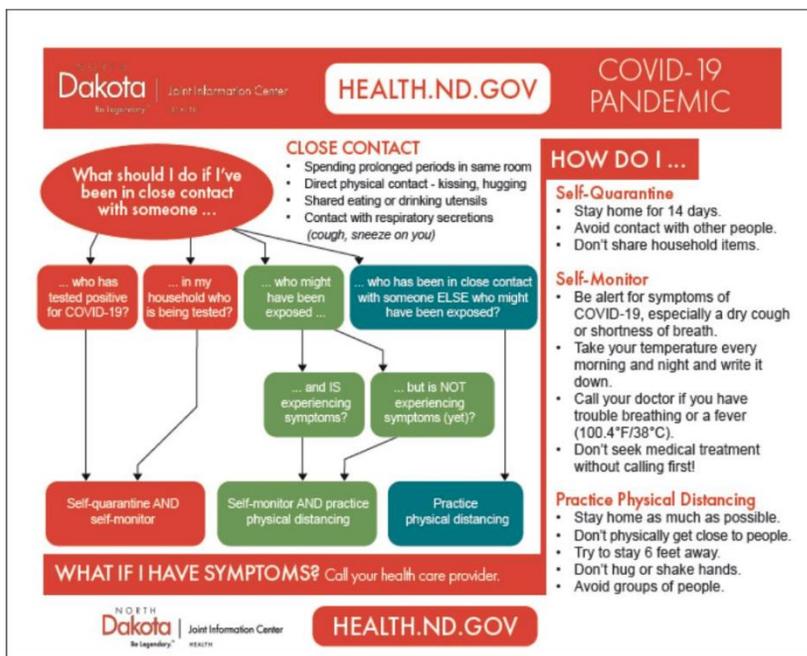
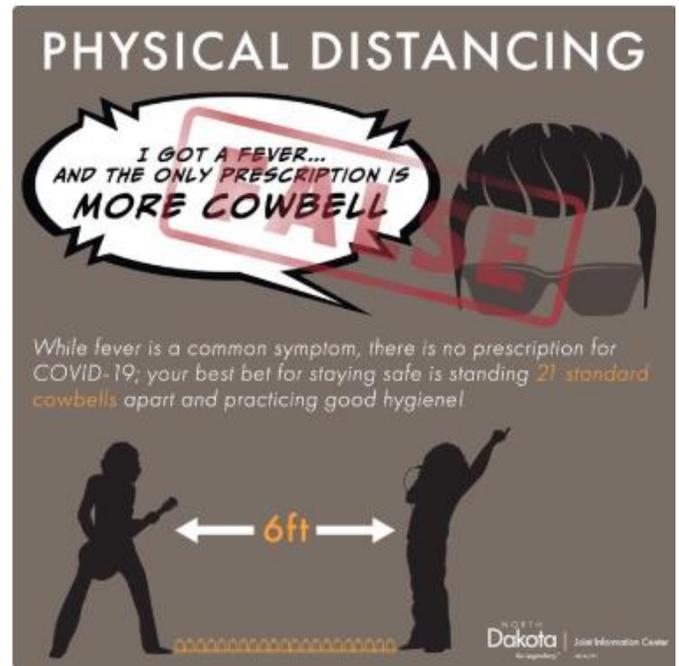


COVID-19 Recommendations

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. [Learn more about social distancing and how to protect yourself](#)

Renae Moch, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director, stated CDC staff arrived in North Dakota over the weekend and met with the ND Department of Health's Division of Disease control in Bismarck. They will be assisting with completion of guidance materials that will be sent out later this week.

The [CDC recommends](#) wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission. CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Face coverings should not be N-95 or medical grade masks. Face coverings can be surgical masks or masks made at home from a scarf or bandanna.



Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health (BBPH) continues to assist the state with contact tracing for individuals identified as positive for COVID-19. 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. [See more information](#)

Have you or someone you know been exposed to COVID-19 and you want to know what that means for you? Follow the flowchart & FAQ to figure out what it means and what you should do next



Facebook Live Updates

Assistant City Administrator Jason Tomanek, along with Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director Renae Moch, provide information on the combined response by the City of Bismarck and Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health to the COVID-19 pandemic. Watch future Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health updates [here](#) at 11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.



Monday, the public was cautioned to watch out for COVID-19 scams. Reports have been received of scammers “spoofing” NDDoH phone numbers and tricking individuals into disclosing sensitive data. Do not provide your Medicaid number and/or personal data to unsolicited callers. If you receive such a call, contact the Attorney General’s office, by calling (701) 328-2210.

City of Bismarck Mayor Steve Bakken provides a City Update each Monday morning 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. [here](#). Highlights of Monday’s update include:

- The Police Department is now handing out warning tickets in timed parking areas downtown due to abuse of the suspended ticketing.
- Motorists are encouraged to please be mindful of the businesses downtown that are open as they rely on those spots on the street. Continue to practice good etiquette and not block sidewalks, abide by the 48-hour time limit, and all other parking ordinances.
- All other essential city services continue to operate as normal.
- He stressed the importance of good mental health for all and provided several resources.
- The continued practice of social distancing by using technology to be social is encouraged.
- The Mayor reminded people of the recommendation from the CDC to wear masks out in public for the safety of yourself and others



City of Bismarck News

- **Bismarck offers virtual option for public meeting attendance and participation**
Due to ongoing public health concerns related to COVID-19, the City of Bismarck is encouraging citizens to provide their comments for consent agenda, and regular agenda items on the Bismarck City Commission agenda by alternative methods. View the details [here](#).
- **City of Bismarck Arbor Day event postponed**
The annual Arbor Day event scheduled to take place on Friday, May 1, has been postponed until



fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Once a new date has been determined, the city will announce it to the public through the [City website](#), social media and local media sources.

- **Reminder from Bismarck Fire Department that burning yard waste is prohibited**
The Bismarck Fire Department reminds residents that the City of Bismarck's Code of Ordinance prohibits the burning of yard waste within City limits. Yard waste includes: leaves, dry grass, weeds, and brush. Please refer to the Bismarck Public Works Department's [webpage](#) for information about the proper disposal of yard waste.
- **Bismarck Public Works reminds residents to continue to bring their garbage containers out to the curb, and to place them on the boulevard or driveway apron.** Please make sure all garbage is bagged, inside and outside of the container. If it is outside the garbage container and not bagged, it will not be picked up. Large items such as furniture, mattresses, cardboard, etc. should be taken to the Bismarck landfill. Landfill hours are Monday – Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information visit www.bismarcknd.gov.
- **Building Inspections Services Division COVID-19 protocol developed**
The City of Bismarck Building Inspections Services Division is working hard to continue to provide inspections services during this unprecedented time. [More details here](#).
- **Find the City departments providing essential services and how to reach them [here](#).**
- **The Downtowners Association and the City of Bismarck have partnered to establish temporary curbside pickup zones in Downtown Bismarck**
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](#).
- **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"](#).
- **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. [Sign up today!](#)
- **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 [Government Access](#) and [Radio Access 102.5](#).



Executive Orders

- **Burgum allows for changes to maintain critical services for vulnerable youths during COVID-19 pandemic.**

Governor Doug Burgum today signed an [executive order](#) allowing for changes necessary to maintain critical operations for vulnerable youths being served in Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities and Qualified Residential Treatment Programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Tufte issues order to provide essential workforce exemptions for household contacts**

State Health Officer Mylynn Tufte issued an order Friday expanding on Governor Doug Burgum's executive order requiring individuals who are family or household contacts to quarantine for 14 days. To align with new CDC guidance, Tufte's order allows for essential workforce exemptions for individuals who are household contacts of people testing positive for COVID-19. [More here.](#)

- **Governor Doug Burgum issued several separate executive orders**

The orders were designed to help address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic for school districts, agribusiness, fuel retailers and others in North Dakota. Find more information on these actions [here](#).

- Find [more Executive Orders](#) related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Find more information about the state's COVID-19 response [here](#) and find [recent news releases](#).

North Dakota State Government

- **Behavioral health professionals provide vital services to North Dakotans**

In this time of uncertainty, the services and support provided by behavioral health professionals are even more essential to individuals' well-being. [For more information](#) on behavioral health resources and services, visit www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/

- **North Dakota COVID-19 Community Impact Survey**

The North Dakota Department of Commerce wants to understand how the Coronavirus pandemic is impacting communities and individuals across our state. Our hope is that tracking this information will help our agencies and partner organizations identify additional resources we may be able to leverage to support North Dakotans during this challenging time. [Take the Survey](#)

- **ND agencies announce line-up of virtual events and activities for parents, children and others to help build protective factors in families during COVID-19 pandemic**

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Children and Family Services Division and Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota (PCAND) have partnered with child advocate agencies in the state to host virtual events and activities beginning this week to help build stronger, healthier families during this stressful time. [Get the details.](#)

- **Change in ND Department of Health Public health Hotline hours**

Due to a shift in call volume, the NDDoH Public Health Hotline's hours will run from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time going forward.

- **Council on Developmental Disabilities offers mini-grants to fill gaps and meet individual and family needs related to COVID-19**

The North Dakota State Council on Development is concerned about the added challenges the COVID-19 pandemic is creating for individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and the organizations providing services to them. Late last week, the council approved setting aside \$15,000 in a COVID-19 Relief Fund to support time-limited projects that address unique needs and gaps in services. [Find the information here](#)

- **Protocols for workers arriving from other countries, states**

Employers should follow certain protocols if they have workers coming from other countries and/or states during this pandemic. From the time of arrival, workers should fill out the North Dakota Department of Health [travel survey](#), have no contact with anyone in the community and quarantine for 14 days.

- **Care19, a free mobile app, is now available**



Gov. Doug Burgum and the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) in partnership with ProudCrowd, creators of the popular Bison Tracker app, launched a free mobile app, Care19, to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in North Dakota. Find more information [here](#).

- **Citizens urged to follow safety precautions when using videoconferencing tools**

The public was alerted today to new cybersecurity threats tied to video conferencing platforms which are becoming increasingly popular given the global increase in remote work and learning environments. North Dakota Information Technology's Cyber Operations Center has also issued a security risk assessment and associated guidelines for video conferencing platforms that can be [accessed at this link](#).

- **Insurance Department and insurance companies collaborate to benefit North Dakota consumers**

Insurance Commissioner Jon Godfread applauded the issuance of "Shelter-in-Place-Payback" to car insurance drivers insured by Allstate and the creation of the "Return of Premium Relief Fund" by American Family Insurance. See more information on these programs [here](#).

- **Non-essential ag activities and events should be canceled or postponed**

While agriculture and food have been deemed essential industries by the Department of Homeland Security, agriculture-related activities and events that are not essential to the process of producing food and feed should be canceled or postponed to a later date. [See details](#).

- **Unemployment Insurance system now accepting new Pandemic-related claim types**

Job Service North Dakota is now able to accept online claims from independent contractors, gig



economy workers, self-employed individuals, and workers who may have exhausted the benefits available to them under the regular Unemployment Insurance system. Applicants should go to jobsnd.com for more information.

- **Child Support Program continues to serve parents during COVID-19 pandemic**
Parents with child support cases who have been impacted by job loss or reduced work hours are encouraged to monitor their accounts [online](#) or can contact Child Support customer service at 701-328-5440, toll-free 800-231-4255 or 711 (TTY) during regular business hours and until 7 p.m. CT on Mondays or by [email](#).
- **Fund set up for donations to aid COVID-19 response**
Are you looking for ways to support your community during this crisis? The best way is to donate directly to a trusted, local organization. If they can't accept donations, or if you prefer, you can give to the ND COVID-19 Community & Nonprofit Response Fund at the North Dakota Community Foundation. www.ndcf.net
- **Personal protective equipment being accepted**
Donations of personal protective equipment also are being accepted to ensure health care workers and first responders are protected as they respond to COVID-19. Commercially-produced supplies can be dropped off at NDDOT district locations. [Details here](#).
- **ND Human Services to issue extra SNAP benefits for March and April.** [More information](#).
- Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem reminds North Dakota residents to check the facts to [avoid being fooled by a coronavirus-related scam](#).
- The Burleigh County Courthouse is restricting public access due to COVID-19. Contact them at 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.

Information and Resources

- [Daily Bulletin](#)
- [City of Bismarck website](#)
- COVID-19 information [NDDoH website](#)
- COVID-19 Hotline 7 am-8 pm, 7 days a week: 1-866-207-2880
- [Centers for Disease Control](#)
[Español](#)
- Mental Health Resources
 - [Behavioral Health Resources and Services](#)
 - [FirstLink Help Line 211](#) or Dial 2-1-1
 - [ND Human Services COVID-19 Behavioral Health Resources](#)



- West Central Human Service Center 24-Hour Crisis Line Call 701-328-8899 or toll-free 1-888-328-2112
- [Disaster Distress Helpline](#)
 - Call 1-800-985-5990
 - Text "TalkWithUs" to 66746
- [Resources for Veterans](#)
 - Fargo VA Call Center 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. daily. 701-293-3700 Ext. 2319
- [Where to Go for Help Resources](#)
- [NDResponse.gov](#)
- [ND Response: COVID-19 Personal, Family and Community Support](#)
- [North Dakota COVID-19 Community Impact Survey](#)
- [COVID19 Resources for Business](#)
- Department of Commerce [resources for businesses](#)
- [ND Attorney General Consumer Protection consumer complaints](#) call toll-free 1-800-472-2600
- [Federal Trade Commission Tips for Coronavirus Scams](#)
- [Missouri River system Game and Fish boat ramp access status](#)
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