

# CITY OF BISMARCK DAILY BULLETIN

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### **INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- For further information and resources, and help, click the “Learn More” button below.



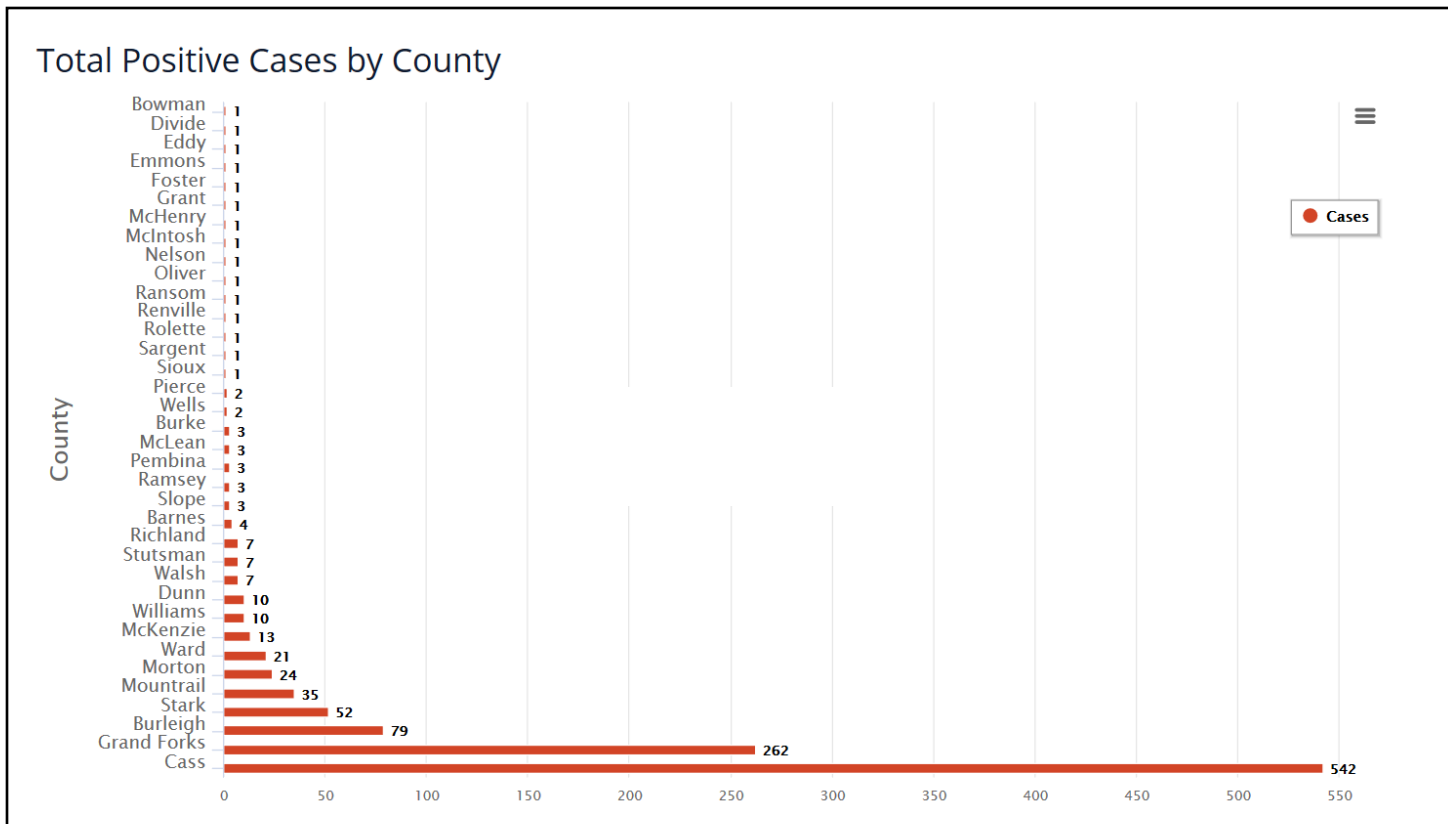
## COVID-19 CASE REPORTS

As of **May 1**, Burleigh County still has the **third highest** number of **positive cases**.

- **Statewide Positive Cases:** 1107
- **New Burleigh County Positive Cases:** 2
- **Total Burleigh County Positive Cases:** 79
- **Statewide Total Hospitalized:** 86
- **Statewide Total Deaths:** 23

Special Note: The first positive pregnant case in ND was confirmed April 2, 2020. ([CDC Guidance for Pregnant Women](#))

Sourced from [ND Department of Health](#). Click the link to learn more!



## COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

Everyone has an individual responsibility for the health and safety of our community during this COVID-19 pandemic.

- Wash Your Hands Often
- Stay home and avoid all non-essential travel
- Avoid touching your face
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wear a cloth mask
  - 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). Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children younger than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces
- Keep physical distance and avoid gatherings



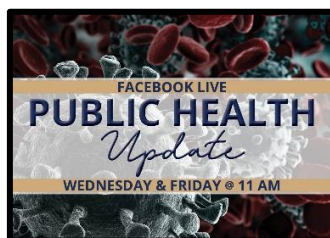
## BISMARCK-BURLEIGH PUBLIC HEALTH (BBPH) UPDATE

- **Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health to Conduct Mass Testing Event on May 2**  
Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health will be conducting a free COVID-19 mass testing event at the Bismarck Event Center on Saturday, May 2. The testing event focus will be separated into two categories:
  - Retailers providing essential services will be tested from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
  - Symptomatic individuals over the age of 12 will be tested from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until testing supplies have been exhausted.
  - Read more information [here](#).
- There were 2,065 tests completed today; 1.9% positive rate today.
- North Dakota is 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation per capita testing (up from 9th place prior). Highest in the nation of any state that has not had a major outbreak.
- 3.7% cumulative positive testing rate for North Dakota.

## CITY OF BISMARCK AND LOCAL NEWS

- **Bismarck Public Works advises flushing water lines when reopening**  
With businesses starting to reopen Friday, the Bismarck Public Works Department advises business owners to thoroughly flush all water lines that haven't had water usage during the recent closure. [View the details.](#)
- **Bismarck offers virtual option for public meeting attendance and participation**  
Due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19 the City of Bismarck is encouraging citizens to provide their comments for Bismarck City Commission agenda items by alternative methods. [View the details.](#)
- **Remember 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](#).
- **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.](#)
- **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!](#)
- The Burleigh County Courthouse is restricting public access due to COVID-19. Contact them at 701-355-1350 or [website](#) 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 their [website](#) for more information.

## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES



- **Mayor Bakken's City Update**  
Facebook Live Video held on the City of Bismarck's Facebook Page ([@BismarckNDGov](#)) every Monday morning at 10:00 AM

- **Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Update with Renae Moch and Jason Tomanek**  
Facebook Live Video held on the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Facebook Page ([@BBPH.gov](https://www.facebook.com/BBPH.gov)) every Wednesday and Friday at 11:00 AM
- **Bismarck Police Department: “Coffee with a Cop”**  
Facebook Live Video held on the Bismarck Police Department’s Facebook Page ([@bismarckpolice](https://www.facebook.com/@bismarckpolice)) every Thursday morning at 10:00 AM
- **Follow Along**  
We encourage the public to follow Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health on [Facebook](#) , [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) And the City of Bismarck on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), or visit the City of Bismarck [web site](#).

## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

April 29, 2020 – **Burgum Provides North Dakota Smart Restart Protocols for Businesses Resuming or Continuing Operations** Read the Executive Order [here](#).

The business restrictions under Executive Order 2020-06.3 expired Thursday, April 30. It has been replaced with an order allowing those businesses to reopen under Phase 1 rules in the [North Dakota Smart Restart plan](#).

- Find [more Executive Orders](#) related to the COVID-19 pandemic.



## NORTH DAKOTA STATE GOVERNMENT NEWS

- May 1, 2020 – **Burgum: K-12 Schools will Continue Distance Learning for Remainder of School Year**  
Governor Doug Burgum today said his [executive order](#) directing K-12 schools to provide education via distance learning will remain in effect through the end of the current school year to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect students, staff and communities.
- May 1, 2020 – **COVID-Related Cybersecurity Threats Rampant North Dakotans Urged to Follow Simple Safety Steps**  
North Dakota’s Chief Information Security Officer Kevin Ford is reminding the state’s citizens of flourishing COVID-19-related cybersecurity threats including hackers exploiting weak passwords to gain access to users’ networks. Ford encourages North Dakotans to follow simple [safety steps](#) to avoid malicious attacks.
- May 1, 2020 – **Industrial Commission Authorizes Bank of North Dakota Program to Assist Ethanol Industry Through Covid-19 Pandemic**  
Bismarck- The North Dakota Industrial Commission has authorized the Bank of North Dakota (BND) to provide a financing program to assist North Dakota’s ethanol producers in securing working capital to maintain operations in the state. The ethanol industry in North Dakota supports over 10,000 jobs utilizing 140 million bushels of corn to produce 400 million gallons of ethanol and 1.3 million tons of distiller’s grains. [Read the details](#).
- Find more information about the state’s COVID-19 response [here](#) and find [recent news releases](#).