

CITY OF BISMARCK WEEKLY BULLETIN

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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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



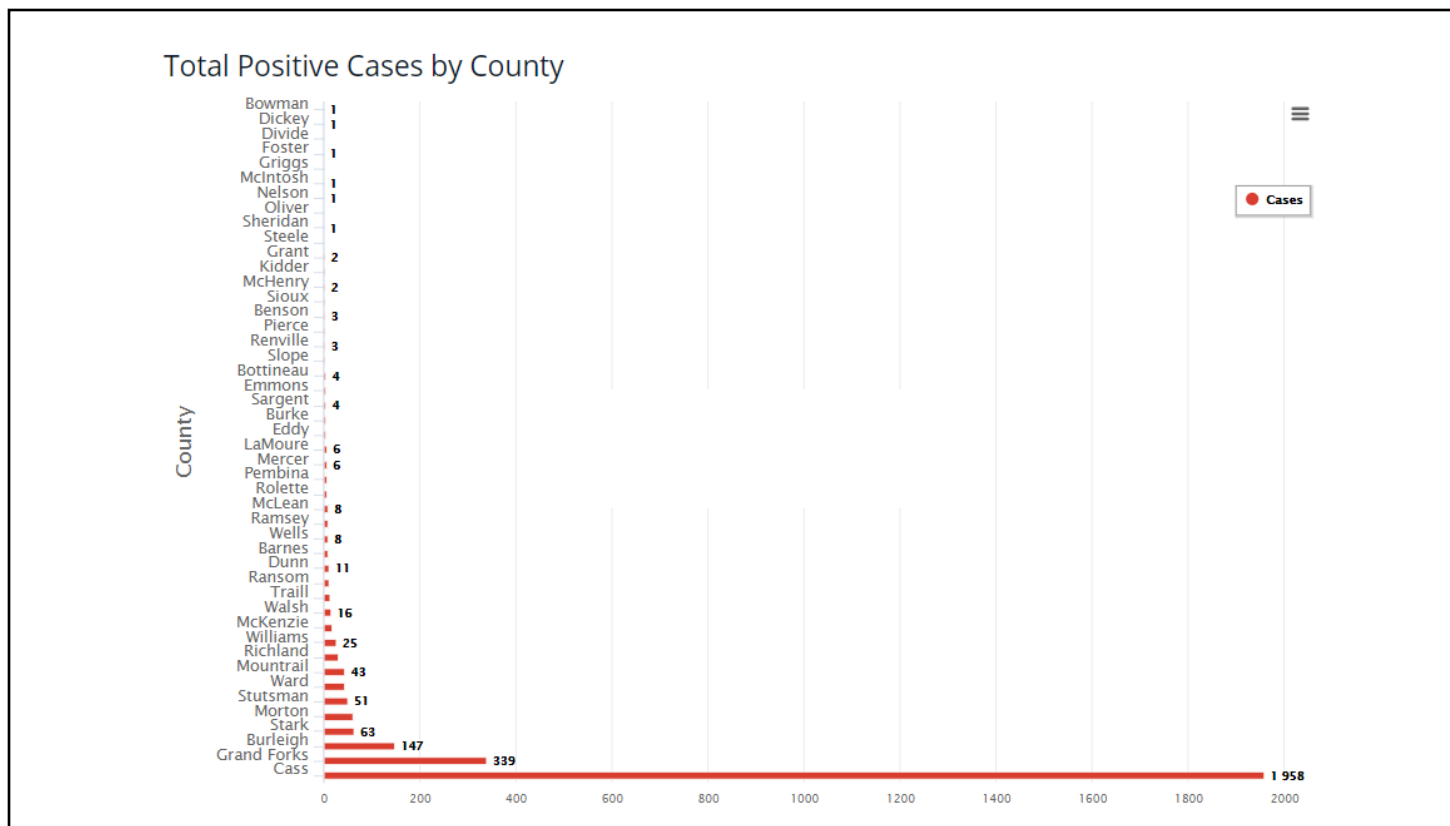
COVID-19 CASE REPORTS

As of June 10, Burleigh County still has the **third highest** number of **positive cases**.

- **Statewide Positive Cases:** 2941
- **New Burleigh County Positive Cases:** 12 (Since reported here on 6/05/20.)
- **Total Burleigh County Positive Cases:** 147
- **Statewide Total Hospitalized:** 193
- **Statewide Total Deaths:** 73

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

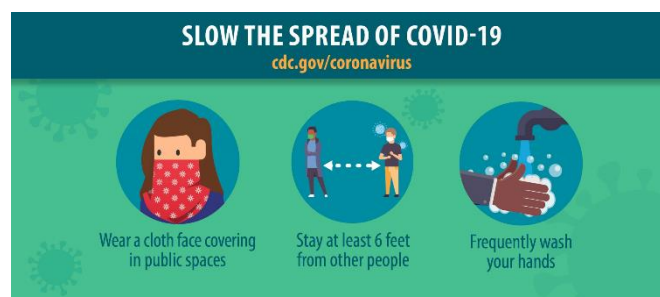
Sourced from [ND Department of Health](#). Click the link to learn more!



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 hosted a COVID-19 testing event on Monday, June 8th at United Tribes Technical College with UTTC and UMARY participating. We tested 228 individuals through the day via drive-up and walk-up testing.
- Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health staff are continuing to perform contact tracing and investigation work for COVID-19 positive cases. Just a reminder for the public, it is important that individuals respond to phone calls and messages from public health staff to ensure isolation and quarantine guidelines are communicated and we can complete contact tracing work in a timely manner.
- Be aware of “caution fatigue” or “COVID fatigue” that seems to be setting in among residents. We are going on 3 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the beginning the threat was new and urgent and protocols were strictly followed, but we are seeing that sense of immediacy fading. Complying with safety guidelines is not being taken as seriously. Remember COVID-19 prevention activities such as frequent handwashing, disinfecting surfaces, wearing masks in public and socially distancing when possible are still important. You can combat quarantine fatigue with self-care, conversations with loved ones and shifting your mindset so following guidelines seems rewarding instead of dreadful.
- BBPH continues to respond to and conduct testing events as directed by the ND Department of Health as the need arises in our community and have coordinated and scheduled private testing events for this week and next week.

CITY OF BISMARCK AND LOCAL NEWS

- **Bismarck Outdoor Warning Siren System Weekly Test to Begin**
The Bismarck Board of City Commissioners acted at Tuesday’s meeting, to direct staff to proceed with a request for proposals to procure and install a two-way activation system and to conduct weekly tests of the current activation system. To insure proper function, the weekly Outdoor Warning Siren System test will begin at 12:00 P.M., Noon this Friday, June 12th and continue each Friday at 12:00 P.M. until a new activation system is in place. Additionally, staff were directed to notify the public of the City’s plan of how they will communicate with residents moving forward, and the available options to receive alerts and hazard warnings using alternative methods. Read more information [here](#).
- **The Unofficial 2020 Primary Election Results are in for the City of Bismarck.** View the [link](#) for more details.
- The Burleigh County Courthouse is still 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). ***Face coverings will be required when in the public areas of the courthouse to include all court rooms. Face coverings will not be provided and will be the responsibility of all persons entering the Burleigh County Courthouse.***
- **Bismarck Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Center is Open**
Please visit the Hazardous Waste and Electronics [webpage](#) for hours of operation and other information.
- **Throughout the month of June, Great Plains Food Bank will distribute high-quality fresh produce through the USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program.** All in need of food assistance are welcome. Distribution takes place at Bismarck-Mandan locations June 16th and 30th. View more details [here](#).
- **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](#).

- **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. Check out the [link](#) today!

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES



Mayor Bakken’s City Update

The next Mayor’s message will take place on Wednesday, June 17, at 10:00 a.m. In case you missed his message today, you can view the Facebook Live Video on the City of Bismarck’s Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/BismarckNDGov).

- **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

- June 5, 2020 – 2020-22.1 – **Burgum Outlines Phased Approach to Resuming Visitation in Long-Term Care Facilities**

Governor Doug Burgum signed an Executive Order Friday for resuming visitation in long-term care facilities. Read the Executive Order [here](#).

April 29, 2020 – **Burgum Provides North Dakota Smart Restart Protocols for Businesses Resuming or Continuing Operations** Read the Executive Order [here](#). The order allows businesses to reopen under rules in the [North Dakota Smart Restart](#) plan.

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



NORTH DAKOTA STATE GOVERNMENT NEWS

- June 10, 2020 – **State Historical Society of North Dakota Announces Reopening of North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum**

The State Historical Society of North Dakota announces the reopening of the North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum on June 22. In alignment with the North Dakota Smart Restart plan, the State Museum and the James River Café will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. The State Archives will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and on the second Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Read more [here](#).

- June 5, 2020 – **Human Services Partners with LSS to Launch Project Renew and Support the Behavioral Health of North Dakotans Affected by the Pandemic**

The North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Behavioral Health Division was recently awarded a Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support the behavioral health of North Dakotans impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this grant, the division is launching Project Renew, a partnership with Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, to provide free and anonymous brief support services to individuals throughout the state. [Learn more about Project Renew](#).

- **Starting Saturday, June 6, the NDDoH Public Health Hotline (1-866-207-2880) Will Have the Following Hours:** Monday through Saturday, 8am – 5pm Central Time
- Find more information about the state’s COVID-19 response [here](#) and find [recent news releases](#).