

# 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.



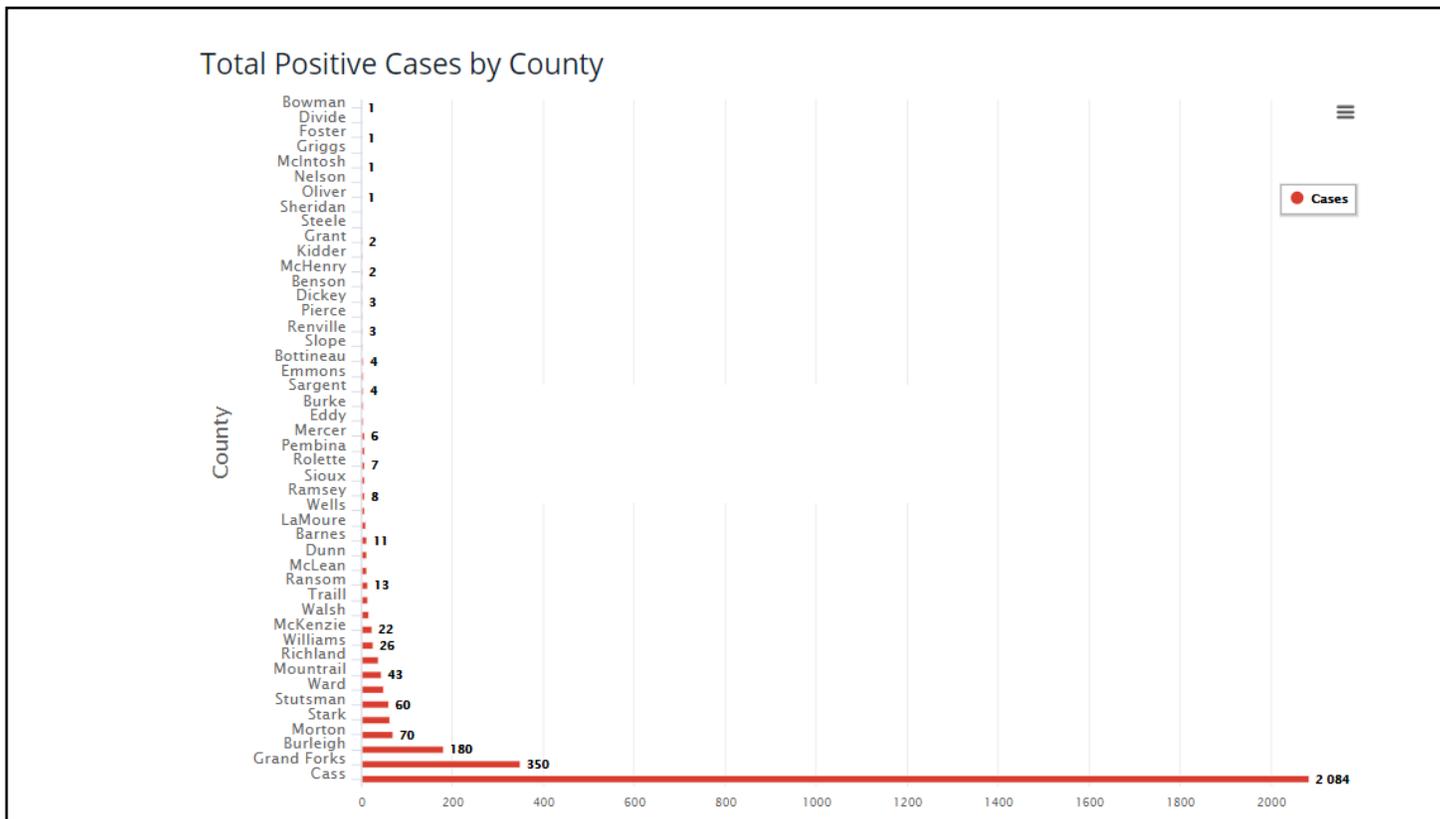
## COVID-19 CASE REPORTS

As of June 17, Burleigh County still has the **third highest** number of **positive cases**.

- **Statewide Positive Cases:** 3166
- **New Burleigh County Positive Cases:** 33 (Since reported here on 6/10/20.)
- **Total Burleigh County Positive Cases:** 180
- **Statewide Total Hospitalized:** 201
- **Statewide Total Deaths:** 74

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

- Renae Moch, Director of Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health, reported Burleigh County had 9 cases reported Tuesday, the same number of cases that Cass County had, which has caused an alert. She received several questions as to why we are seeing larger numbers in Burleigh County. She advises to please keep in mind that when compared to other areas of similar size, Burleigh County is among the lowest in % of positive cases per test at 1.76% so that keeps things in perspective when comparing us to other areas.
- There are likely several reasons for the seemingly recent uptick in cases here in Burleigh County. As we are reopening, summer recreational and sports activities have started up and people are gathering together again in groups disregarding social distancing measures, which of course is a risk factor for spreading COVID-19. If you are participating in group sports this summer, please observe social distancing and preventive measures as much as possible as we've had cases pop up in sports teams. Also, there have been several close and/or household contacts we've worked with that have become positive and we are still seeing some community spread. Rest assured we are keeping tabs on our numbers to ensure we do not become a hot spot in our area and will continue to keep you in the loop as things develop.
- Starting Monday, June 22, 2020, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health will be offering COVID-19 testing on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health parking lot at 500 E Front Avenue. Testing will be done via walk-up/drive-up on a first come, first served basis. Staff will be operating out of a trailer provided by the North Dakota Department of Health. Testing will be open to anyone wanting a COVID-19 test. There are no appointments necessary. View the [link](#) for more details.
- There was a static drive-through testing site at the state capitol grounds today from 9 AM to 6 PM and will continue at that same time and location for the next 2 Wednesdays. Please fill out the online screening survey at [www.testreg.nd.gov](http://www.testreg.nd.gov) for faster registration.
- Northland Health Center also has 150 test kits available per week and is now doing testing as well here in Bismarck. The opportunity for testing is certainly available in our community.



## CITY OF BISMARCK AND LOCAL NEWS

- **City of Bismarck Reopens Doors to City-County Office Building June 16**  
Effective June 16, the city of Bismarck officially reopened the doors of the City-County Building to the public. City of Bismarck offices have continued to remain open and ready to serve citizens throughout the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The main entrance doors of the City-County Building facing west on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, are open for walk-in traffic. In addition, Airport Administration, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health, Bismarck Event Center, Fire Headquarters Station, Police and Public Works building doors will reopen to the public during regular business hours from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
  - City employees are adhering to the ND Smart Restart guidelines to protect employees and customers alike and these methods may be adjusted as needed to appropriately address and respond to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. A ND Smart Restart sign will be posted at public entrances to city buildings and in areas where employees meet and assist the public.
  - Members of the public are encouraged to follow ND Smart Restart protocols:
    - Avoid entering the facility if they have a cough or fever.
    - Maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another.
    - Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
    - Limit unnecessary contact such as hugging and shaking hands.
    - Hand sanitizer and masks will be made available for use to the public while utilizing City services as needed.

- **More information about the reopening of the City-County Office Building** can be found on the City's [website](#).
- **Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library to reopen July 6**  
The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library will re-open to the public with limited hours of operation starting Monday, July 6th. Hours of operation will be 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. View more [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](#).
- **The Burleigh County Courthouse is still restricting public access due to COVID-19.** Contact them at 701-355-1350 or visit the [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.**
- **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 Takes a Pause

Mayor Bakken delivered his City Update this morning on Facebook Live. 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](http://www.facebook.com/BismarckNDGov)). In his message, he stated, "This will be my last Mayor's message for now. We're taking a pause with the Mayor's Message as everyone moves forward with North Dakota Smart Restart plans, and individuals and families transition back to their workplaces and businesses. We reserve the option to restart the Mayor's Message as needed to respond to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic."



### Follow Along

We encourage the public to follow Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and on 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 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 16, 2020 – **Commerce Announces Special Business Briefing Call to Provide the Latest Updates on the PPP and EIDL** [Read more](#).
- June 16, 2020 – **ND State Hospital Modifies Visitation Policy to Allow In-person Visits** [See the details](#).
- Find more information about the state's COVID-19 response [here](#) and find [recent news releases](#).