

Burleigh-Morton COVID-19 Task Force MEETING SUMMARY

Friday, September 4, 2020

10:00 AM – Microsoft Teams Meeting

Renae Moch called the meeting to order at 10 AM and welcomed participants.

Dashboard Statistics Review for Burleigh/Morton – Renae Moch and Erin Ourada

- Renae reiterated the task force goal of reducing test positivity rates below the state 14-day rolling average. As of September 3rd Burleigh-Morton (B-M) positivity rate is 5.58%, which is an increase from 4.37% on August 7th while the state is at 4.94% from 2.69%. Even though the positivity rate for B-M is higher, it has a lower rate increase than the state. Total active positive cases in Burleigh are 408 while Morton has 142 with a positivity rate of 4.52% in the same 14-days. B-M increases, however, account for the largest influence on the state increased rate according to the Governor's press conference on September 3rd. The 20-29 age category has nearly twice the positivity rate of the next highest age category.

Healthcare Analytics Update – Renae Moch

- Dr Tracy Miller, State Epidemiologist, will assist in moving us forward with a Burleigh-Morton public dashboard and to review possible trends and responses.

US Public Health Service Site Visit Update

- A visit from the federal interagency team which visits emerging hotspots to listen, learn and support local and state efforts engaged with the community to identify lessons learned and root causes of increased positivity rates and provided access to experts and policy and resource solutions to stop the spread of COVID-19. Committees shared best practices and efforts. The group stayed in the immediate area between Sept 1st and 3rd to witness processes. Positive remarks included the indoor testing site coordination and general access to testing. They discussed task force-supported efforts and met with tribal groups, homeless providers and other community and business groups to prevent spread of disease.
- Continued challenges included the following:
 - Community-wide spread of COVID-19
 - High positivity testing rates trending upward since July 6th
 - 20-29-year-old demographic spike in cases
 - Mask-wearing compliance issues
 - COVID Fatigue for Isolation/Quarantine & Testing
- Suggestions for change included the following:
- Mask-wearing in public is highly recommended
 - Name local champions to lead efforts
 - Peer-to-peer connections/social-norming
 - Determine what is best for community based on our population
- Governor's Updated Risk Level map showed eight counties moved to yellow, moderate, risk including Burleigh and Morton counties. The matrix was discussed and how it determines the capacity for bars and large gatherings. Discussion ensued about different groups using different metrics and those inconsistencies between local, state and scholarly outcomes. Requirements versus recommendations and

effective compliance were discussed along with specific cases to implement a mask-mandate, which was proposed to be a commission item.

Subcommittee Chair Reports

Healthcare/Testing Strategy/Contact Tracing – Erin Ourada

A new static testing event went very well, which was a subcommittee outcome directive.

Educational Institutions & Activities – Anton Sattler

Contact tracing will be discussed at next meeting. The US Public Service COVID Response Assistance field team met and thought things were going well. No compliance issues with school kids but older students traveling between campus and jobs and other activities were greatly unmonitored and frequently left campus. Testing was emphasized on campus.

Underserved Populations – Wrap Around Services – Dr. Hagen

Great progress was made on shelter contracts and issues about security and management.

Business Community – Brian Ritter

Discussed business community feedback on the marketing campaign and continued to encourage social distancing, mask-wearing and washing hands. Bars and restaurants were contacted regarding Governor's standards for higher risk designation.

Public Education & Awareness – Kalen Ost

Community awareness and campaign messaging for three phases were discussed. Phase I will be 9/14-27, Phase II from 9/28-11/22 and Phase III from 11/23-12/14 including media and digital messaging.

Action Items

A recommendation was made to request the various political subdivisions in the Burleigh-Morton area to consider a mask-mandate and make the health and safety guidelines mandatory. Schools and park boards would also be requested to consider item.

Closing Comments – Renae Moch

Renae thanked everyone for the full discussions and wished all a healthy holiday weekend.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2020 at 10 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Bogaczyk for Renae Moch, MBA, FACMPE
Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director
Task Force Coordinator

Burleigh-Morton

COVID-19 Task Force Meeting

Friday, September 4, 2020
10:00 AM



WELCOME CALL TO ORDER

Renae Moch, Public Health Director, BBPH



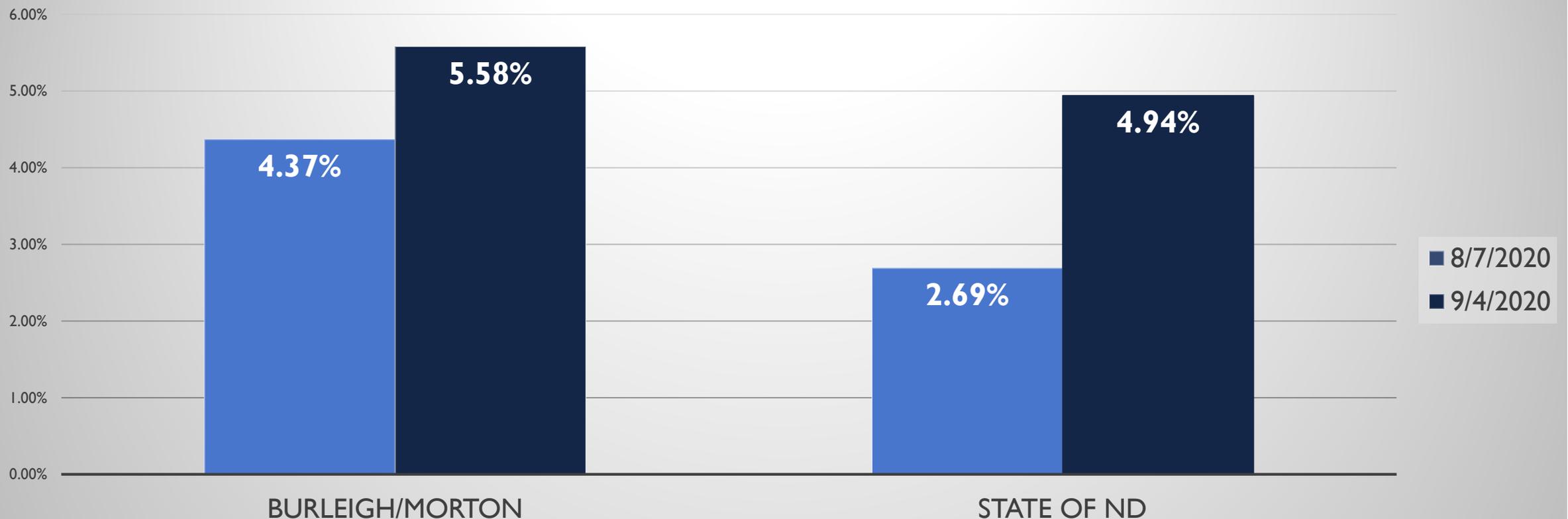
TODAY'S AGENDA

- **Dashboard Statistics Review for Burleigh/Morton**
- **Healthcare Analytics Update**
- **US Public Health Service Site Visit Update**
- **Subcommittee Chair Reports**
- **Questions from Task Force Members**
- **Action Items**
- **Closing Comments**
- **Adjourn**

TASK FORCE GOAL: PREVENT & MITIGATE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN BURLEIGH AND MORTON COUNTIES.

Metric: Decrease Burleigh & Morton County COVID-19, 14 day rolling average % of positive tests to be equal to or less than the state average.

14 DAY ROLLING AVERAGE POSITIVITY RATE



DASHBOARD STATISTICS – BURLEIGH AS OF 9/3/2020

- **TOTAL ACTIVE POSITIVE CASES = 408**
- **TOTAL POSITIVE CASES TO DATE = 2,118**
- **POSITIVITY RATE (TOTAL) = 5.97%**

DASHBOARD STATISTICS – MORTON AS OF 9/3/2020

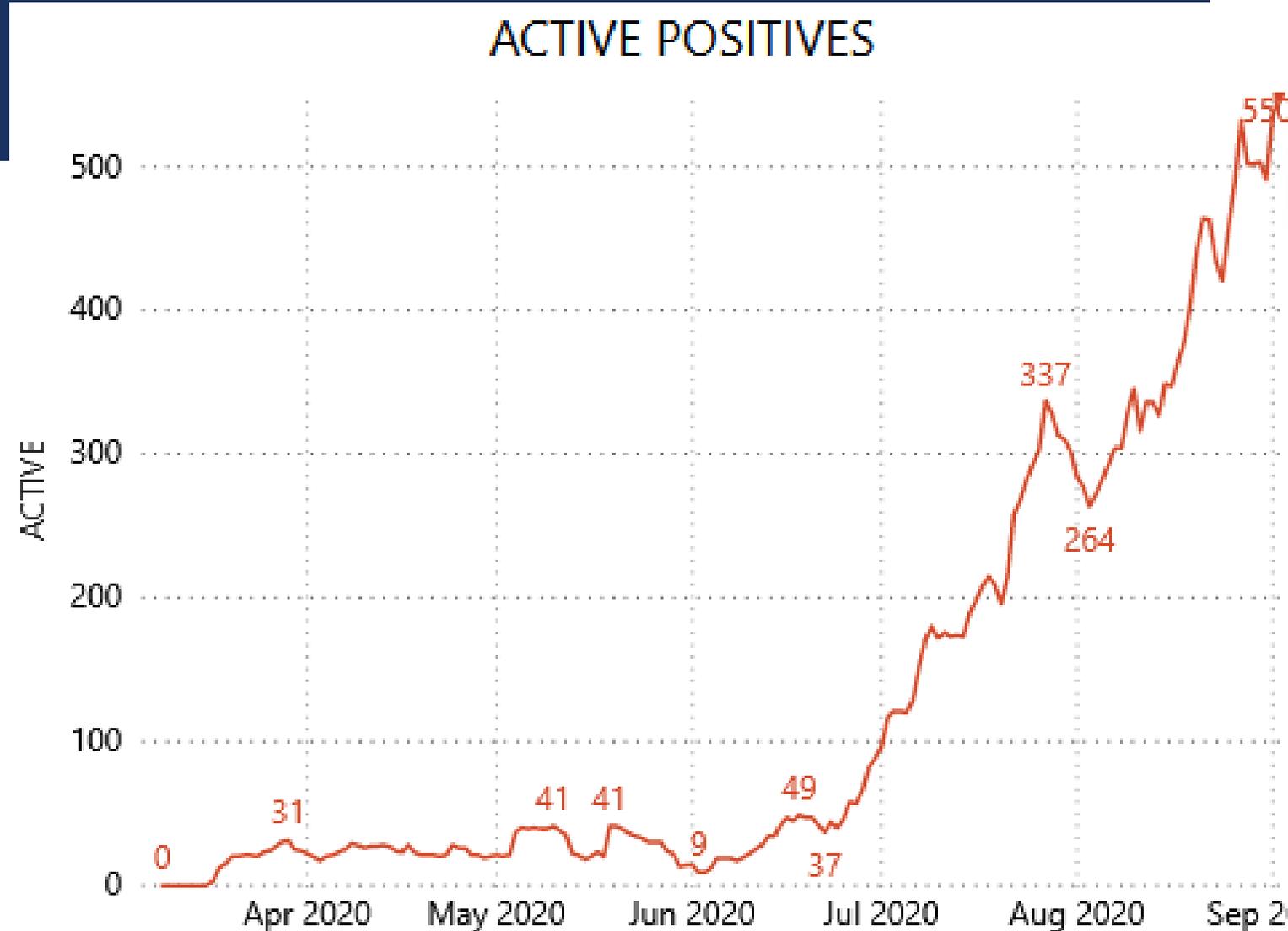
- TOTAL ACTIVE POSITIVE CASES = 142
- TOTAL POSITIVE CASES TO DATE = 710
- POSITIVITY RATE (TOTAL) = 4.52%

BURLEIGH-MORTON ACTIVE POSITIVES

■ As of 9/3/2020

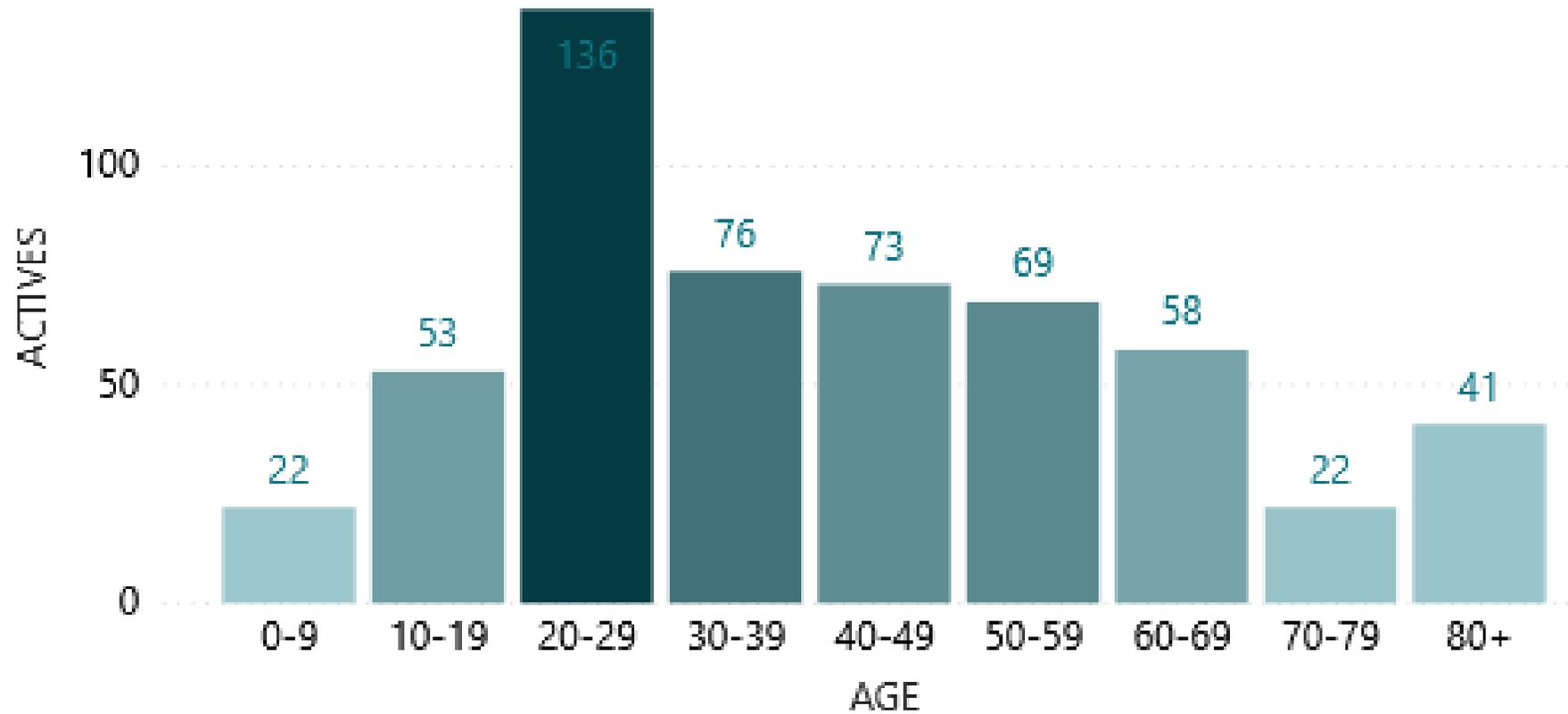
TOTAL ACTIVE

POSITIVE CASES = 550



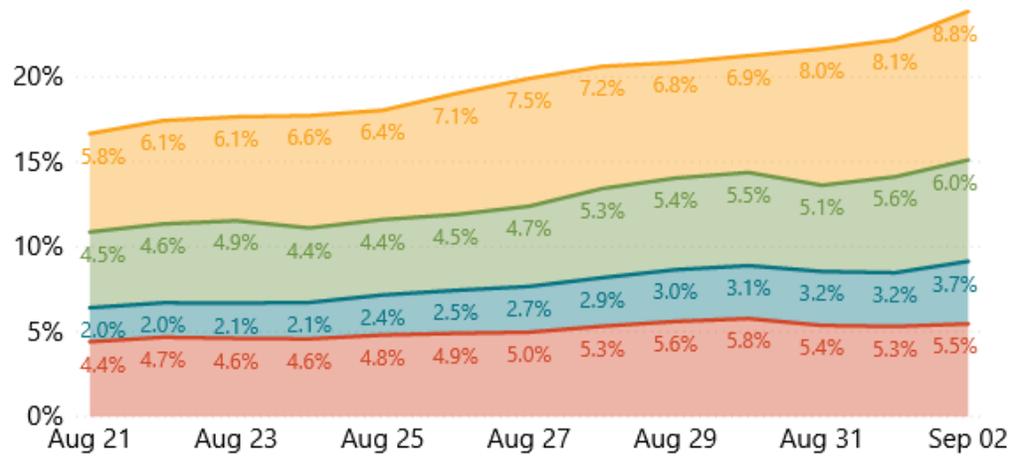
BURLEIGH-MORTON AGE OF ACTIVE POSITIVES 9/3/2020

AGE OF ACTIVE POSITIVES



% POSITIVITY TOTAL TESTS

County — Burleigh — Cass — Morton — Stark



% Change over 2 Weeks

28.92%

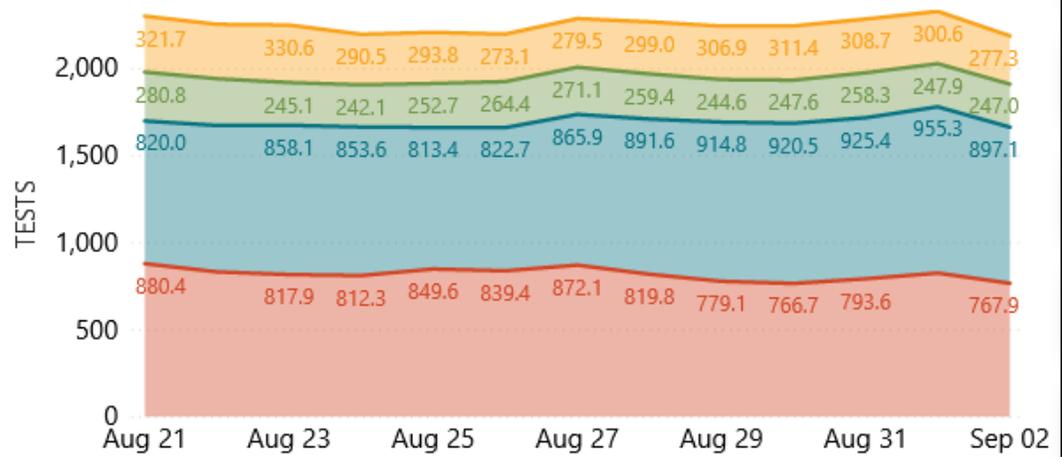
41.97%

89.01%

27.09%

DAILY TOTAL TESTS

County — Burleigh — Cass — Morton — Stark



% Change over 2 Weeks

-14.91%

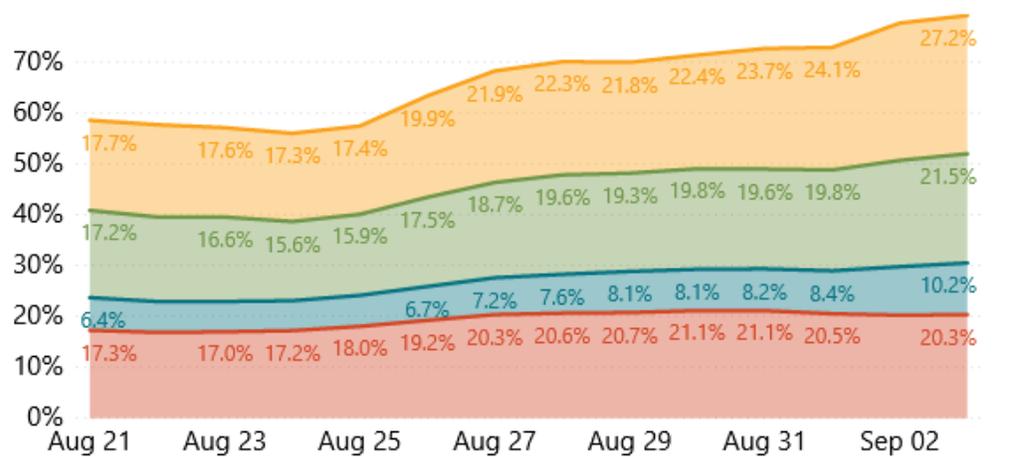
-4.24%

8.23%

-13.22%

% POSITIVITY UNIQUE TESTS

County — Burleigh — Cass — Morton — Stark



% Change over 2 Weeks

17.41%

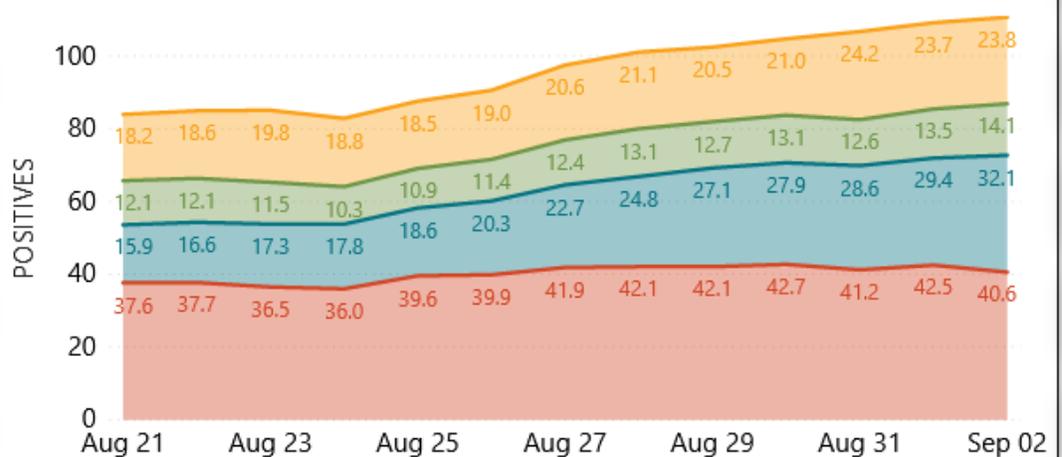
59.28%

39.73%

22.73%

DAILY POSITIVES

County — Burleigh — Cass — Morton — Stark



% Change over 2 Weeks

8.79%

36.48%

105.48%

9.86%

HEALTHCARE ANALYTICS UPDATE – RENAE MOCH

- Meeting date/time set with State Epidemiologist Dr. Tracy Miller
 - Friday, September 4th
 - Review current data available to public
 - Discuss platform for Burleigh-Morton dashboard
 - Identify trends in Burleigh-Morton cases to target response efforts

US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM SITE VISIT UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE VISIT:

- We are a federal interagency team that visits emerging hotspots to listen, learn, and support local and state efforts.
- We engage with local jurisdictions, including public health partners, and community-based organizations to help identify the root cause of an outbreak at the community level, identify lessons learned, and put forth broader efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- We also provide access to public health experts with knowledge of federal policy solutions that can help break the chain of transmission in a community.
- We invite local jurisdictions and community-based organizations to share their experiences with COVID-19 and outline the unique challenges they face.

SITE VISIT AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 1-3, 2020

- Observed COVID-19 Drive Through Testing site at Bismarck Event Center
- Met with Burleigh-Morton COVID-19 Task Force Steering Committee
- Met with State, Regional, and Tribal Organizations
- Met with Local Homeless Service Providers & Churches
- Met with Burleigh-Morton COVID-19 Task Force Subcommittees

TAKE-AWAYS FROM SITE VISIT

- **What is going well?**
 - Community partnerships & collaboration
 - Access to COVID-19 Testing (5 days/week for Burleigh-Morton)
 - Schools/Colleges/Universities implementing & enforcing strong COVID-19 prevention protocols and guidelines – setting example for all organizations
 - Public Education campaign ready to launch

TAKE-AWAYS FROM SITE VISIT

Challenges

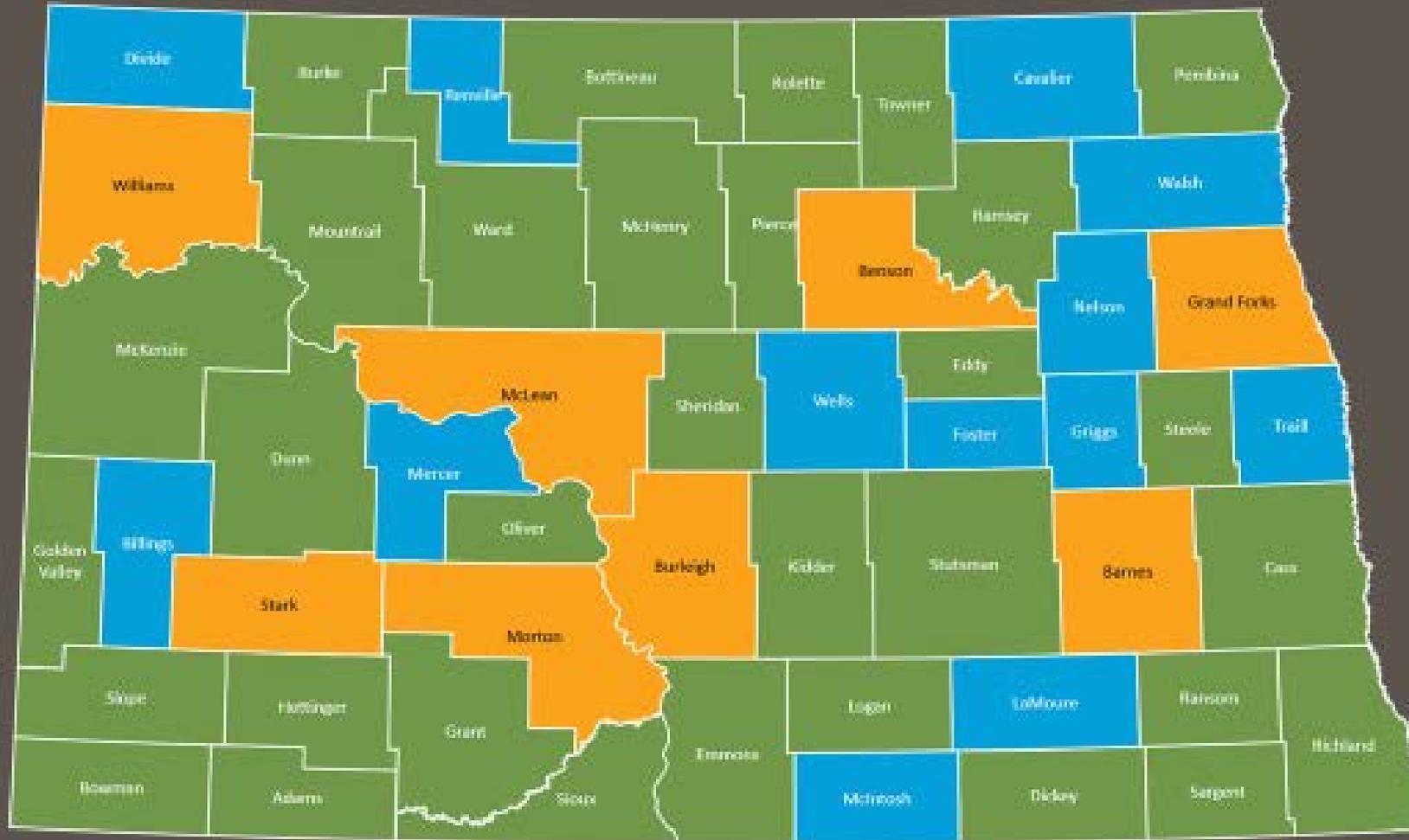
- Community-wide spread of COVID-19
- High positivity testing rates / trending upward since July 6
 - 20-29 year-old demographic – spike in cases
- Mask wearing compliance issues
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TAKE-AWAYS FROM SITE VISIT

Suggestions for Change

- Mask wearing in public highly recommended
 - Need local champions to lead the charge
 - Peer-to-peer connections / social-norming
- One solution doesn't work for all areas, need to determine what is best for our community based on our population

UPDATED GUIDELINES ON RISK LEVEL



Eight counties are moving to the moderate risk level: Barnes, Benson, Burleigh, Grand Forks, McLean, Morton, Stark and Williams.

Changes take effect 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4.

GUIDING METRICS OF ASSESSMENT



CRITICAL RISK



HIGH RISK



MODERATE RISK



LOW RISK



NEW NORMAL

ACTIVE CASES PER 10,000 RESIDENTS (14-DAY ROLLING)

Over 40

30 - 39

20 - 29

10 - 19

Under 10

TESTS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS (14-DAY ROLLING)

Under 300

300 - 400

401 - 560

561 - 640

Over 640

TEST POSITIVITY RATE (14-DAY ROLLING)

Over 15%

10 - 14.99 %

5 - 9.99%

2 - 4.99%

Under 2%

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is not exhaustive or exclusive. We will continue to take a holistic approach.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS & ACTIVITIES: CHILD/ADOLESCENT /YOUNG ADULT

- **Subcommittee Update**
 - **Anton Sattler**

HEALTHCARE TESTING/STRATEGY & CONTACT TRACING

- **Subcommittee Update**
 - **Erin Ourada**

UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS – WRAP AROUND SERVICES

- **Subcommittee Update**
 - **Dr. John Hagan**

BUSINESS COMMUNITY

- **Subcommittee Update**
 - **Brian Ritter**

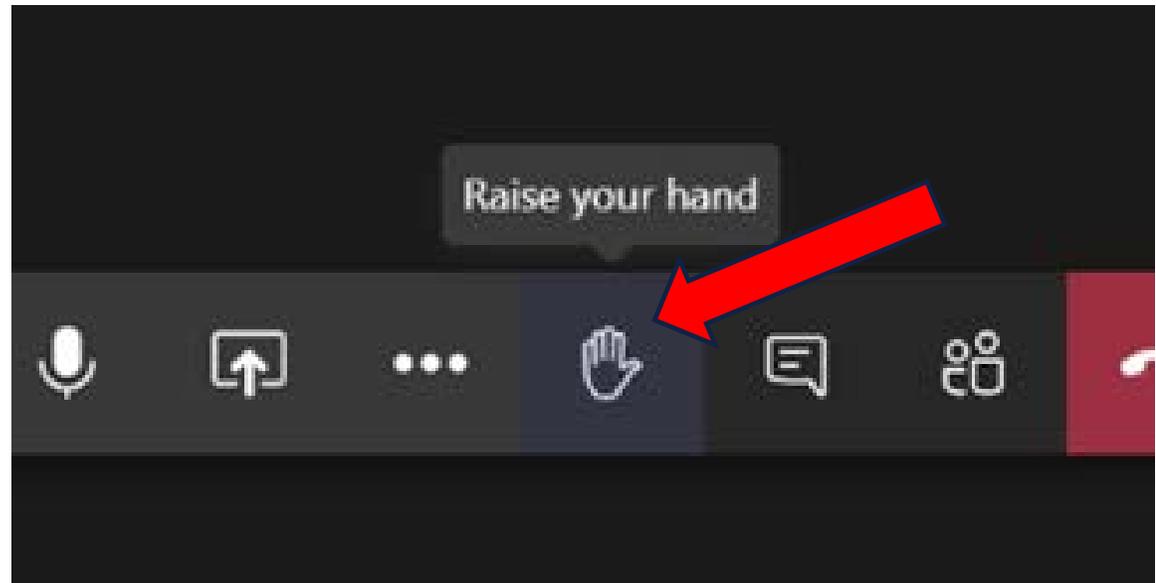
PUBLIC EDUCATION & AWARENESS

- **Subcommittee Update**
 - **Kalen Ost**
 - **Agency MABU – Campaign Update**

Questions



Raise your hand in Teams & moderator will call on you for questions.



ACTION ITEMS



CLOSING COMMENTS

Mayor Steve Bakken
City of Bismarck



Cody Schulz, Chairman
Morton County Commission

