

Burleigh-Morton COVID-19 Task Force

MEETING SUMMARY

Friday, September 11, 2020

10:00 AM – Microsoft Teams Meeting

Renae Moch called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM and welcomed participants.

Review Action Items from Last Meeting and Commission meetings

- Bismarck City Commission – Renae Moch and Mayor Bakken
 - TOPIC: Mask-wearing and adoption of *yellow* guidelines
 - OUTCOMES: additional information wanted before decision, public education campaign should move forward and public comments largely requested no mandate to wear masks. Marketing campaign to emphasize personal propriety in keeping businesses open, kids in school and grandparents safe.

- Morton County Commission – Erin Ourada and Cody Schulz
 - TOPIC: Mask Mandate, students attending school
 - OUTCOME: Denied mask mandate which would have to be approved by individual cities anyway. Received large number of public requests to not institute a mandate. Masks can and do work but preferred personal preference and no rules about enforcement.

Healthcare Analytics Update – Renae Moch and Erin Ourada

- Met with Tracy Miller, ND Epidemiologist, to request that color/risk levels/categories be visible to the public on their website.
- Burleigh currently at Moderate Risk (yellow); an increased risk rate from last report.
- Doing well for number of tests administered.
- Morton is just short of being at Critical Risk level but still at yellow at this time.
- High amount of testing being done. Test positivity 6.65%.
- Request closed meeting to discuss targeted testing for specific business sectors.
- Burleigh rate rose from 4.37% positivity to 6.14% and the State rose from 2.69% positivity to 5.6% in one week.
- Active positive cases for Burleigh is 586 which is the highest number recorded.

Task Force Accomplishments/Subcommittee findings:

Healthcare/Testing Strategy/Contact Tracing

Made advancements in prevention by increasing access to COVID-19 healthcare and testing by 17.2%. Improved messaging for testing locations. Continue to find strategies for improvement.

Educational Institutions & Activities – Child/Adolescent Young Adult Purpose:

Established communication with universities to share best practices and address any issues.

Underserved Populations – Wrap Around Services

Coordinated Burleigh-Morton services effectively. Secured providers, intake for shelters and shelter management, mental health screening, triage, referrals and crisis management, remote nursing services, food and meals, withdrawal management, remote spiritual and cultural services, and a fiscal agent have all been secured. Document detailing the process for future management is in process.

Business Community

Have developed and shared detailed testing site graphics and best practice graphics for large gatherings and contacted business to promote said practices. More education and resources for businesses needs to increase, especially with flu season coming.

Public Education & Awareness

Named 3 phases to be accomplished September through December. A website explaining the phases is being developed along with a campaign featuring a mask-wearing mascot. TV, radio, newspaper and digital media is also in the works along with the site: www.covidstopshere.com

Review Strategies/Next Steps:

There was a larger discussion about incorporating general wellness, concerns about teen mental health and social-emotional support, homelessness, employment rates and more positive messaging in the Task Force agenda. There was concern about progress in lowering COVID-19 positivity rates along with hope for more effective uses of funding and a focus on CDC directives and using those guidelines.

Action Items:

Several suggestions from developing new resources to combat and communicate previously-mentioned issues to the public, improving public messaging by focusing on taking care of loved-ones and neighbors with compassion and resiliency and fostering empathy were emphasized. Outreach to experts and curriculum support was proposed. Frequency of meetings was discussed.

Meeting Schedules

Task Force members decided to hold its standing meetings every two weeks rather than every week.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2020 at 10 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rena Moch, MBA, FACMPE, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director, Task Force Coordinator

Burleigh-Morton

COVID-19 Task Force Meeting

Friday, September 11, 2020

10:00 AM



TODAY'S AGENDA

- **Welcome & Call to Order**
- **Review Action Items from Last Meeting**
- **Task Force Accomplishments**
- **Review Strategies/Next Steps**
- **Action Items**
- **Closing Comments**
- **Adjourn**

REVIEW ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

- **Bismarck City Commission Update**
 - Renae Moch & Mayor Steve Bakken
- **Morton County Commission Update**
 - Erin Ourada & Chairman Cody Schulz
- **Healthcare Analytics Update**
 - Renae Moch & Erin Ourada
 - Platform for Burleigh-Morton dashboard

GUIDING METRICS OF ASSESSMENT



CRITICAL RISK



HIGH RISK



MODERATE RISK



LOW RISK



NEW NORMAL

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

40.1

Over 40

30 - 39

20 - 29

10 - 19

Under 10

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

1,108

Over 640

Under 300

300 - 400

401 - 560

561 - 640

TEST POSITIVITY RATE (14-DAY ROLLING)

5.93%

5 - 9.99%

Over 15%

10 - 14.99 %

2 - 4.99%

Under 2%

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

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NEW NORMAL

ACTIVE CASES PER 10,000 RESIDENTS (14-DAY ROLLING) Avg # of Actives over last 14 days/County Pop X 10,000

Over 40

30 - 39 **39**

20 - 29

10 - 19

Under 10

TESTS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS (14-DAY ROLLING) Total Tests over last 14 days/County Pop X 10,000

Under 300

300 - 400

401 - 560

561 - 640

Over 640 **1029**

TEST POSITIVITY RATE (14-DAY ROLLING) Sum of Positives over 14 days/total tests

Over 15%

10 - 14.99 %

5 - 9.99%

2 - 4.99%

Under 2%

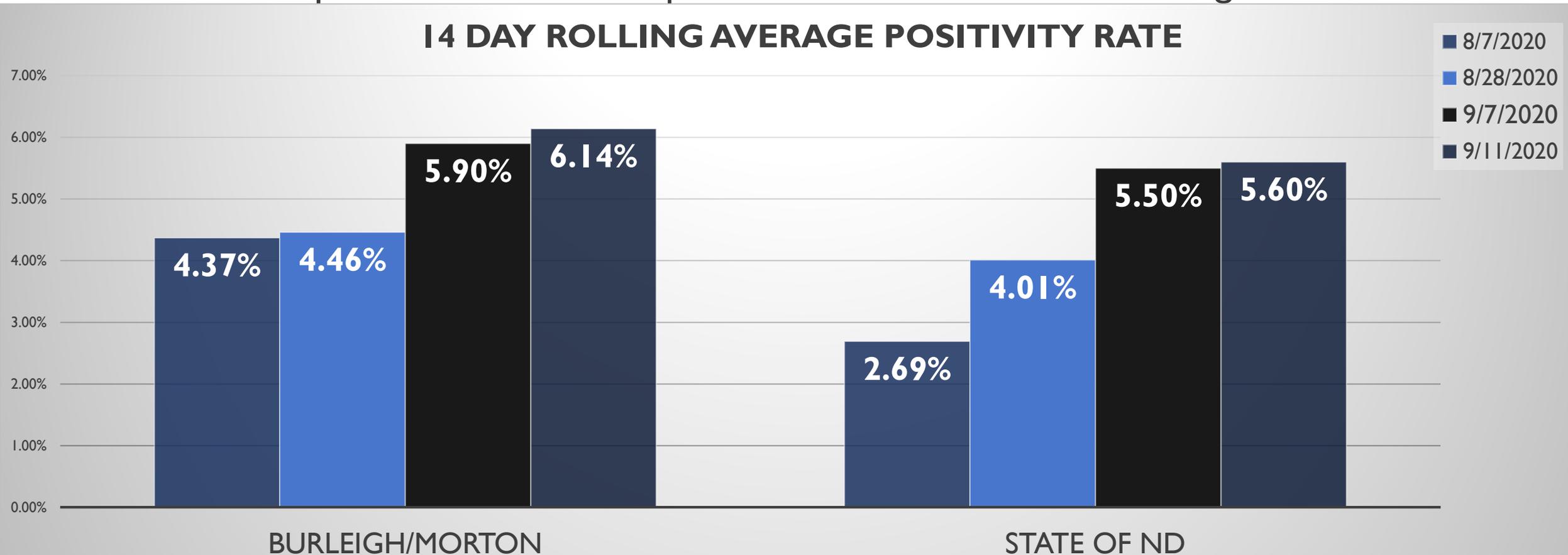
6.65%

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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

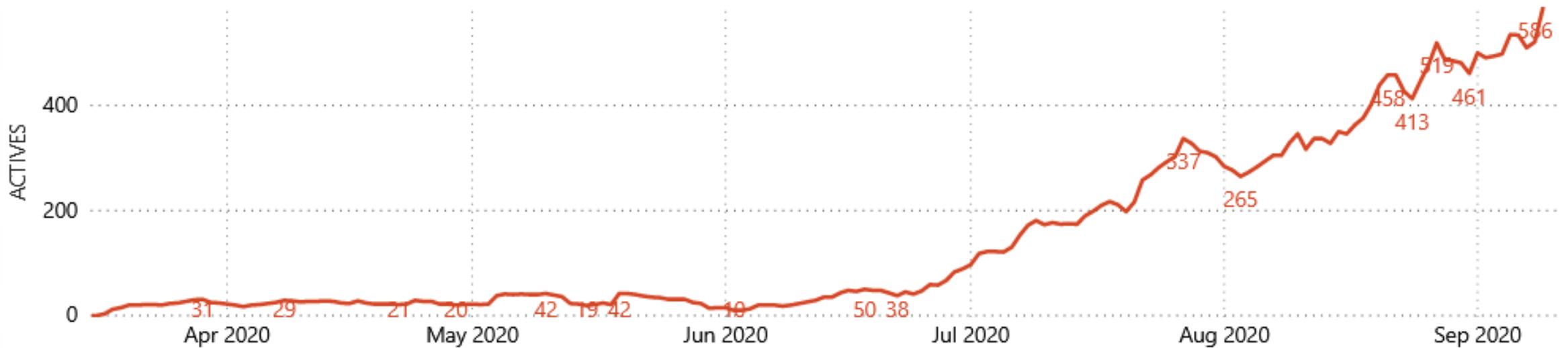


BURLEIGH-MORTON ACTIVE POSITIVE CASES

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586

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TASK FORCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Subcommittees
 - Handout

STRATEGIES/NEXT STEPS

- **Group Discussion**



ACTION ITEMS



- **Meeting frequency**
- **Other**

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mayor Steve Bakken
City of Bismarck



Cody Schulz, Chairman
Morton County Commission

