



Burleigh-Morton COVID-19 Task Force
MEETING SUMMARY
Friday, September 25, 2020
10:00 AM – Microsoft Teams Meeting

Renae Moch called the meeting to order at 10 AM, welcomed participants and stated the amended goal of the Task Force which changed from reducing test positivity rates below the state rate to below 5% for the 14-day rolling average, as requested by the Governor. Guidance for that goal is determined by population density, hospitalization rates and current active cases within a county.

Dashboard Statistics Review for Burleigh/Morton – Renae Moch

- As of 9/20/20 Burleigh-Morton (B-M) is at a Critical, red, risk stage for active cases per 10,000 but at New Normal, blue, stage for tests per 10,000. B-M is at a moderate, yellow, risk for percent positive tests.
- Active positive cases rose from 586 to 960 for a 64% increased rate from last task force meeting. All age groups show higher active cases with 20-29 showing continued highest prevalence while the age of total hospitalized cases are fairly even from 50 to over 80 years old.

Healthcare Analytics Update – Renae Moch

Results from Epidemiologist confirmed the following:

- Vast community-wide spread – unable to focus on only one group or area.
- Workplace clusters
- Infections occurring from travel and social gatherings/weddings

Discussions:

- Burleigh-Morton's metrics were compared to other areas in the state and testing rates were compared/contrasted to positivity rates.
 - A graph showing higher testing rates showed no correlation between positivity and testing rates but, rather, showing an inverse relationship was exhibited.
 - Populations being used in analysis are a statistically significant data set.
 - Increased testing may increase the number of positive cases, but that does not increase the positivity rate. Positivity rate reflects how much proportional infection is in your community.
 - The types of testing were discussed and standardization questioned and reinforced.
- Health, safety and economical variations within the state were discussed.

Subcommittee Chair Reports

Healthcare/Testing Strategy/Contact Tracing – Erin Ourada

Nothing to report

Educational Institutions & Activities – Child/Adolescent Young Adult

Purpose – Anton Sattler

Nothing to report

Underserved Populations – Wrap Around Services – Dr. Hagan

Training for providers will be underway and the group is currently putting together a play book for operations. Continued request to focus efforts from political to humanitarian suggested by Mayor Bakken.

Business Community – Brian Ritter

Actively developing new letter and sending guidelines to business owners and continued promoting of COVID Stops Here campaign and testing sites.

Public Education & Awareness – Kalen Ost

Phase I is being completed and entering Phase II. Thanked Agency MABU for their attention to urgency and fluid circumstances. Agency MABU presented their plan. Presentation is attached.

Discussion: Medical and nursing home staff spoke about the critical state they are in regarding available beds and available staff to work and stated that what they are experiencing is not reflected in state numbers or explain fully to the public how critical the situation is. Examples of patients being diverted out of the area for care were given, including other parts of the state, and out of state transfers due to no local hospital capacity. Many were surprised by this information but expressed how vital it is for the public to know about.

Action Items

A recommendation was made to request hospitals and nursing homes to amplify messaging about the extreme condition they are in statewide in order to emphasize the importance of citizens taking action to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community and across the entire state of North Dakota.

Discussion on the frequency of the task force meetings took place and it was decided to continue to meet every other week due to the current COVID-19 status in our community.

Closing Comments – Renae Moch

Renae thanked everyone for the fully engaged discussion today.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2020 at 10 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Burleigh-Morton

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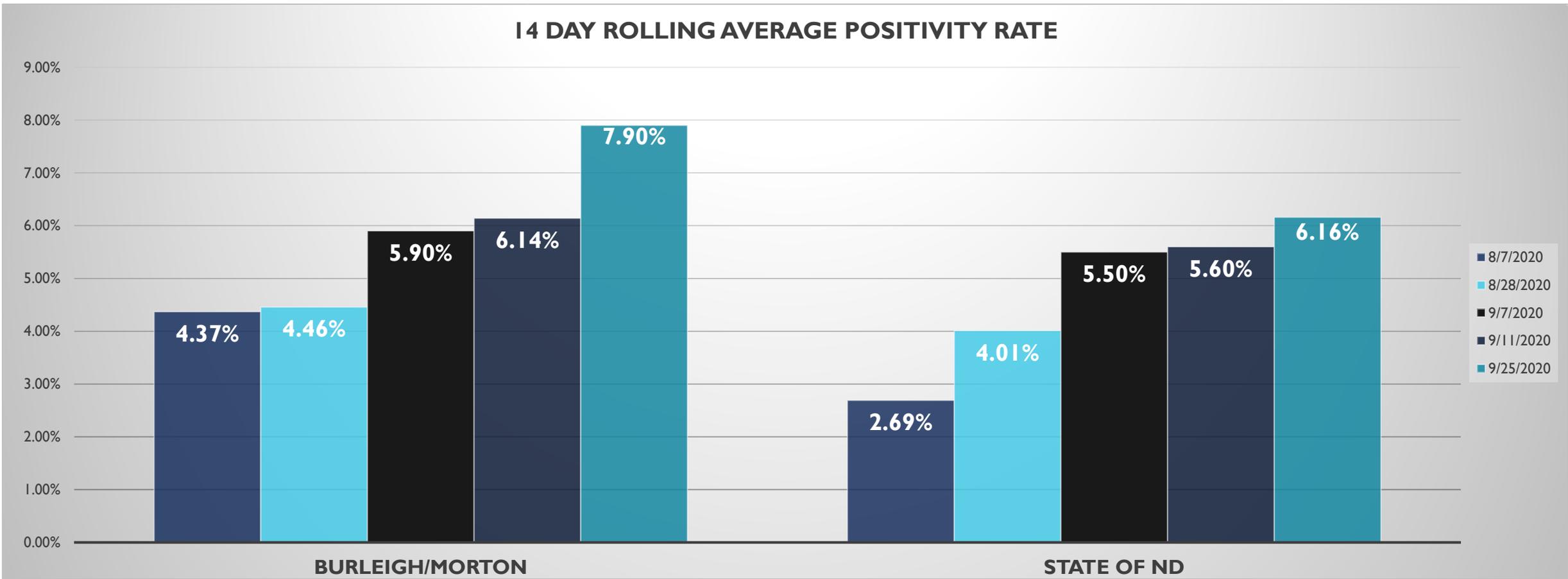
TODAY'S AGENDA

- **Welcome & Call to Order**
- **Subcommittee Reports**
- **Action Items**
- **Adjourn**

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

New Metric: Decrease Burleigh & Morton County COVID-19, 14-day rolling average % of positive tests to be less than 5%.

14 DAY ROLLING AVERAGE POSITIVITY RATE



GUIDANCE FOR DECISION MAKING: NORTH DAKOTA HEALTH CRITERIA AND HEALTH INDICATOR MEASURES

- The ND Health Criteria and health indicator measures will be used to guide decisions regarding county risk levels.
- These measures provide a framework for decision making.
- Additional factors will be taken into consideration to determine the county risk level on a recurring basis which may include: **population density, hospitalization rates, current active cases within a county.**

GUIDING METRICS AS OF 9/20/20

Gating Criteria 14 Day	Critical	High Risk	Moderate Risk	Low Risk	New Normal
Active Cases Per 10,000 Residents (14-day Rolling Average) <i>Avg # of Active Cases last 14 days/County Populations X 10,000</i>	Over 40	30-39	20-29	10-19	Less than 10
BURLEIGH	51.31	(40.1 on 9/7/20)			
MORTON	61.82	(39.3 on 9/7/20)			
Tests/10,000 Residents (14-day Rolling Average) <i>Avg # of Tests last 14 days/County Populations X 10,000</i>	Under 20	21-30	31-40	41-45	46 or more
BURLEIGH	(79.2 on 9/7/20)				88.63
MORTON	(75.3 on 9/7/20)				90.14
14-day Rolling Average Percent of Positive Tests <i>Sum of Positives for Last 14 days/Total # of Tests</i>	Over 15%	10-14.99%	5-9.99%	2 – 4.99%	Less than 2%
BURLEIGH	6.71%			(5.70% on 9/7/20)	
MORTON	8.49%			(6.68% on of 9/7/20)	

BURLEIGH-MORTON ACTIVE POSITIVE CASES

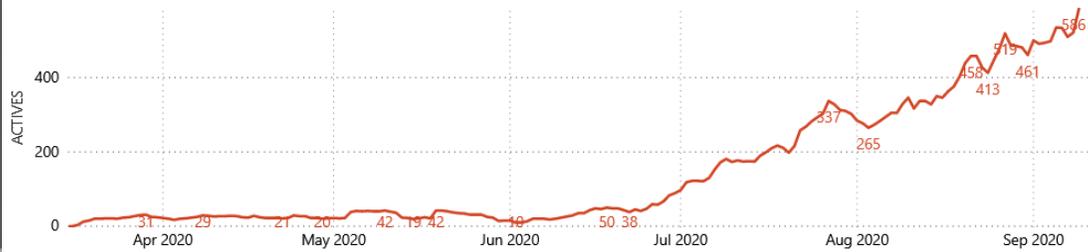
ACTIVE POSITIVES

586

9/11/2020

Increased by 64% since last meeting
2 weeks ago.

ACTIVE POSITIVES



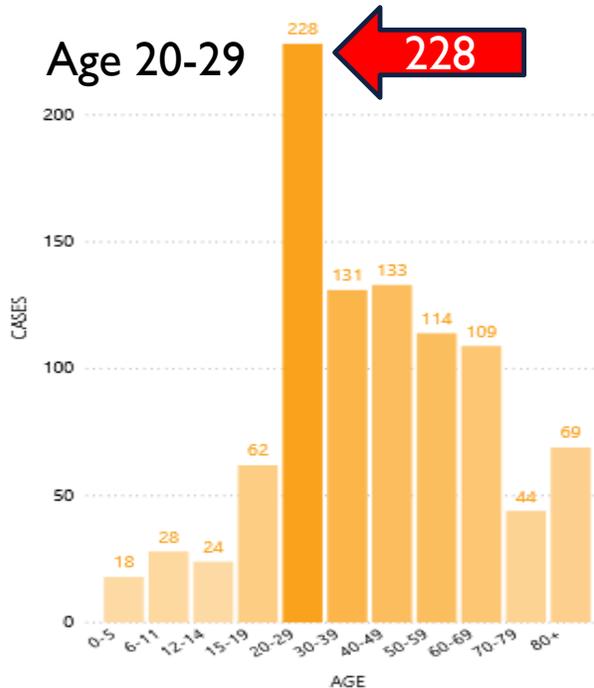
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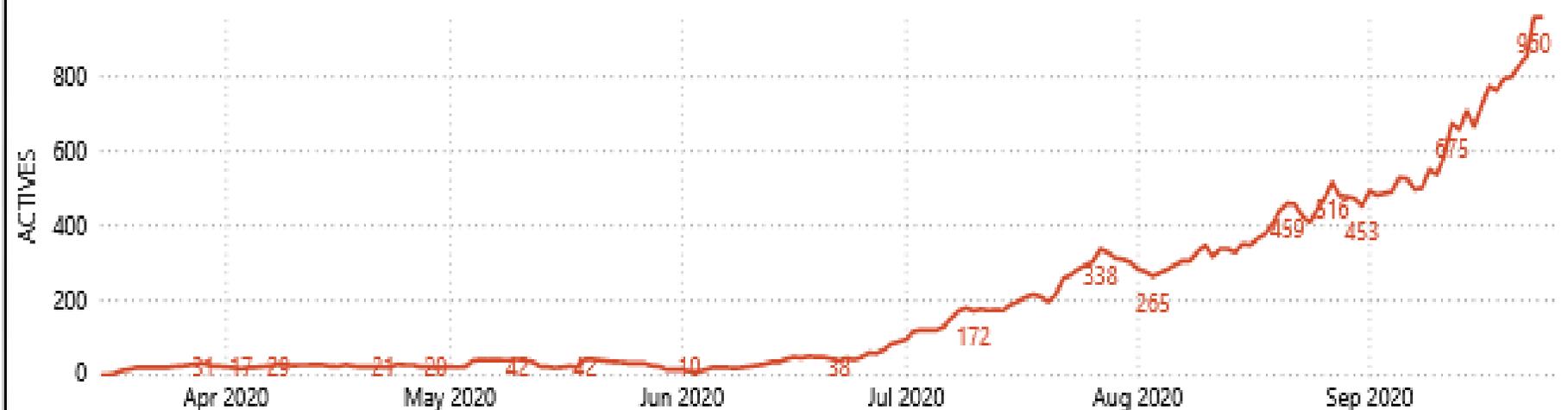
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Age 20-29

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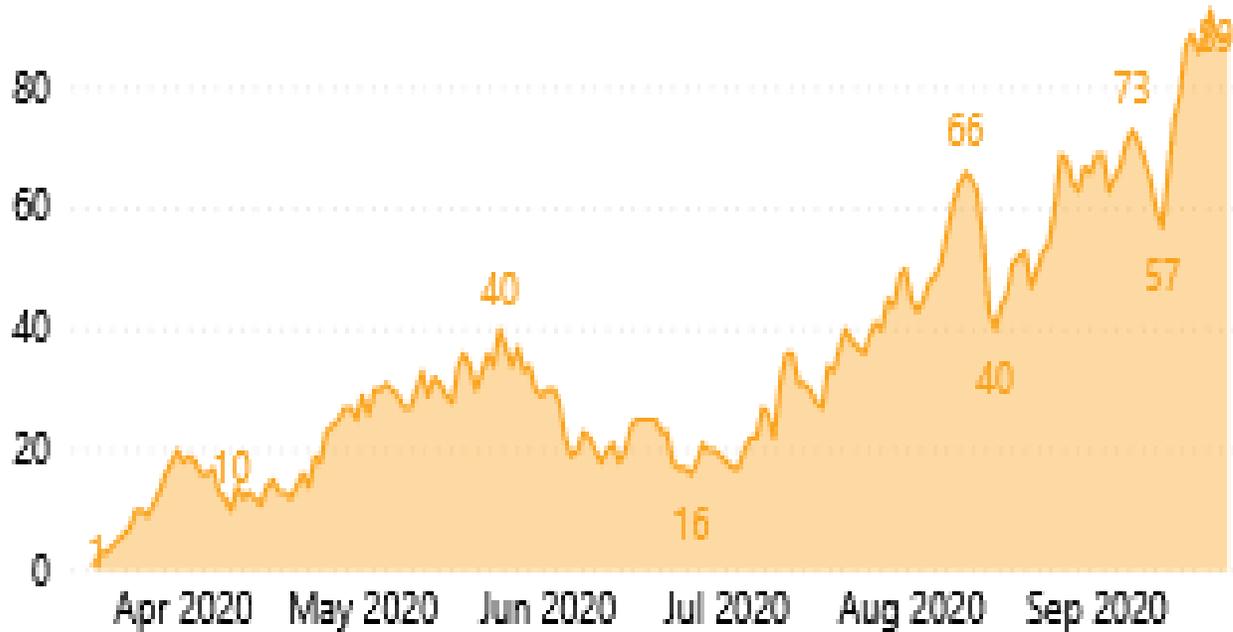
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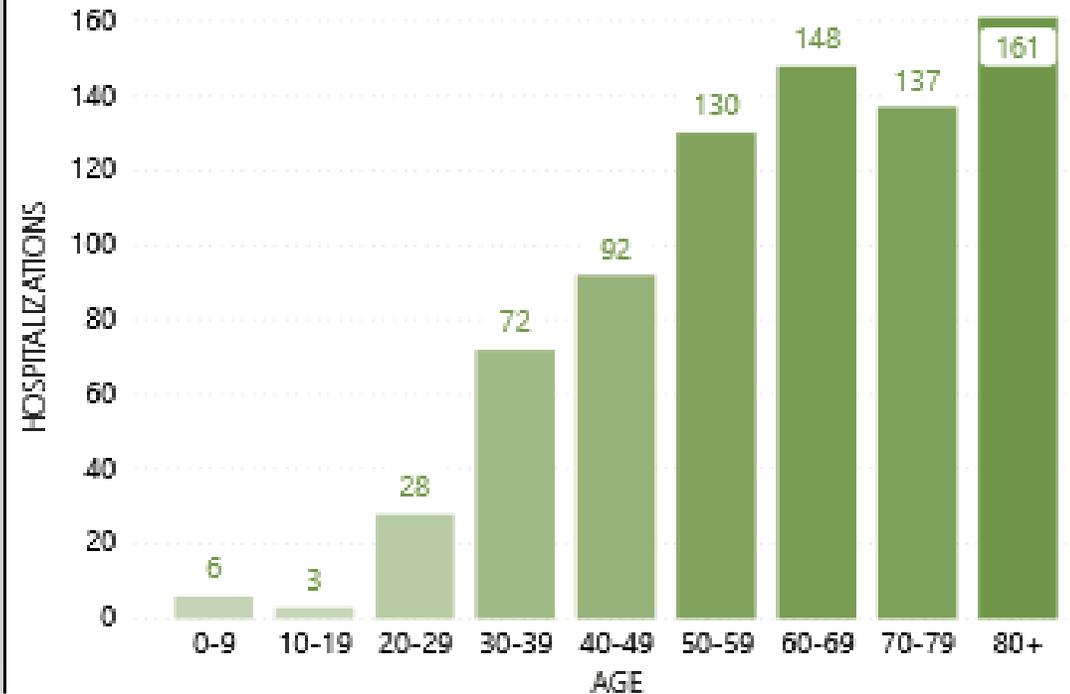
ACTIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS IN NORTH DAKOTA

9/25/20

ACTIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS



AGE OF TOTAL HOSPITALIZED



TRENDS AFTER REVIEWING CASES WITH EPIDEMIOLOGIST

- Vast community-wide spread
- Workplace clusters
- Schools/Universities
- Travel
- Social gatherings / weddings

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Healthcare Testing Strategy/Contact Tracing** – No report
- **Educational Institutions & Activities** – No report
- **Business Community** – Brian Ritter
- **Underserved Populations** – John Hagan
- **Public Education & Awareness**
 - Campaign Update – Agency MABU

ACTION ITEMS & ADJOURN



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

Campaign Media Mix



TELEVISION



DIGITAL MEDIA



RADIO



NEWSPAPER



BILLBOARD



PUBLICATIONS



PRINTING &
PROMOTIONAL
ITEMS



WEBSITE



Compassion for Self & Others

Website & Toolkit Resources

- Website: www.covidstopshere.com
- Brand guidelines
- Logo artwork
- Print material artwork
- Specialty items (e.g. window clings, facemasks, etc.)

