



## CITY OF BISMARCK DAILY BULLETIN

March 23, 2020

### Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Update

COVID-19 response efforts

It is more important than ever to continue to practice social distancing to slow the spread. To learn more about social distancing and how to protect yourself and family go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

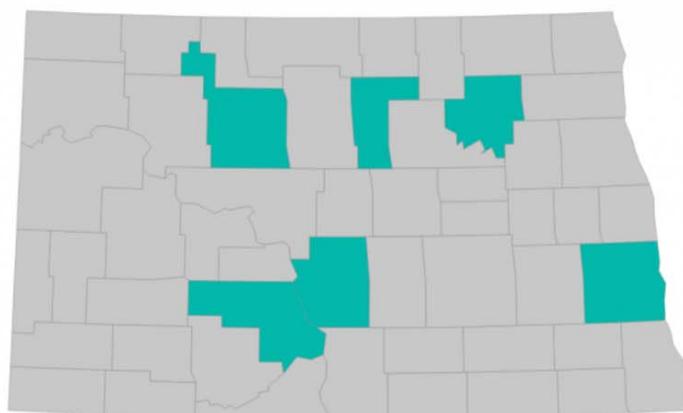
As of March 23, 2020, Burleigh County has the most cases in the state of North Dakota.

#### North Dakota Coronavirus Reporting

Data Source: ND Department of Health, Division of Disease Control

Positive Cases

County	Positive Cases
Burleigh	16
Cass	1
Morton	7
Pierce	2
Ramsey	1
Ward	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>



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For current information go to:

<https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/north-dakota-coronavirus-cases>

- Due to the increase in positive cases in our area, the state has reached out to us to assist with contact tracing for these individuals. BBPH staff will continue to conduct contact tracing.
- Individuals identified as close contacts of someone testing positive with COVID-19 will receive a phone call from the North Dakota Department of Health or the local public health department. You will then be provided with the appropriate steps to take next. Additionally, if a school or daycare is involved, letters will be sent to all parents. For more information visit <https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus>.

- Steps to take to avoid the spread of COVID-19
  - Stay home if you're sick.
  - Practice good hygiene: wash your hands, avoid touching your face and cover coughs and sneezes.
  - If someone in the household has tested positive for coronavirus, keep the entire household at home.
  - Older individuals and those with underlying health conditions should stay away from other people.
  - Work from home when possible.
  - Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips and social visits. Use take-out and delivery services.
  - How to Protect Yourself- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>
  
- What to do if you have symptoms:
  - Individuals who think they may have COVID-19 but have minor symptoms should self-isolate at home.
  - Individuals seeking medical attention should call before they go in.
  - Symptoms of COVID-19 in people who have been exposed can include fever, cough and shortness of breath.
  - The symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.
  - For questions related to COVID-19, the public can call the ND Department of Health hotline at 1-866-207-2880 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., 7 days a week. Individuals who need medical advice should contact their health care provider.
  
- If you are being tested find what you should know in the guide at the NDDOH link: [https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/coronavirus/Fact\\_Sheet\\_for\\_People\\_Being\\_Test.pdf](https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/MSS/coronavirus/Fact_Sheet_for_People_Being_Test.pdf)

## **City of Bismarck Services**

- The Bismarck City Commission, at a special meeting held Friday, determined that the City of Bismarck will close regular business services for one week, March 20 – 27.
  - City essential services are operating. These include Fire, Police, CenCom, Public Health, Public Works Services and Utility that include water treatment, solid waste, and fleet services.
  - City essential, public safety services continue. These include: Police, Fire, CenCom, Public Health, Public Works Service and Utility Operations including water treatment, solid waste, and fleet services. An updated list of City essential services department contact information will be provided and posted to the City website at [www.bismarcknd.gov](http://www.bismarcknd.gov) as soon as it is available.
  - The City of Bismarck Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Center, located at the City Landfill, is closed until further notice effective March 20, 2020.
  - The City Landfill will be open during regular business hours, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Mon-Sat. Garbage and recycling will be collected as normally scheduled. Check <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=6579> for details.



- The regular meeting of the Bismarck Board of City Commissioners will take place on Tuesday, March 24 at 5:15 pm as scheduled.
  - Watch live meeting coverage on Government Access Channels 2 & 602HD, listen to Radio Access 102.5 FM Radio, or stream <https://dakotamediaaccess.org/ch-2-home/> and <https://radioaccess.org/>.  
City staff is still working out the details of the delivery method to broadcast the meeting and will notify the public as soon as it becomes available. Visit [www.bismarcknd.gov](http://www.bismarcknd.gov) for updates.
- **Emergency Alert Feature is Now Activated on the City of Bismarck Website.** This Emergency Alert Feature provides you with the latest news and information on COVID-19 and the actions the City of Bismarck is taking in response to it. To receive real-time updates via text and email from the alert system on your handheld devices sign up for “Notify Me” at [www.bismarcknd.gov](http://www.bismarcknd.gov)
- **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. Visit [www.bismarcknd.gov](http://www.bismarcknd.gov) to see how to sign up.
- The Bismarck Municipal Court is restricting public access due to COVID-19. If you have business to conduct with them call 701-355-1350.
- The Burleigh County Courthouse is restricting public access due to COVID-19. If you have business to conduct with any department located in the Courthouse, contact them for instructions regarding alternate communications (phone, email, website, mail, drop box). Phone number 701-355-1350 and website <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/93/Municipal-Court>.
- Effective March 23, 2020, the Bis-Man Transit Facility will restrict public access and implement changes to fixed-route and Paratransit service until further notice. Call 701-258-6817 or visit <https://bismantransit.com/>

## Information and Resources

- [Daily Bulletin](#)
- [City of Bismarck website](#)
- COVID-19 information [NDDoH website](#)
- COVID-19 Hotline 7 am-10 pm: 1-866-207-2880
- [NDResponse.gov](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control Español](#)
- Department of Commerce [resources for businesses](#)
- Follow us on [www.facebook.com/bismarcknd.gov](http://www.facebook.com/bismarcknd.gov) and [www.twitter.com/BismarckNDGov](http://www.twitter.com/BismarckNDGov)
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