



CITY OF BISMARCK DAILY BULLETIN

April 3, 2020

Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health (BBPH) Update

- Renae Moch, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director, shared Governor Burgum's announcement that hospitals across the state received supplies from the strategic national stockpile to add to their inventory. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) received included gowns, face shields and masks. This helps to assure that every hospital in the state has the supplies on-hand to be as prepared as possible to deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Assistant City Administrator Jason Tomanek, along with Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director Renae Moch, continue to provide information and updates about the combined COVID-19 pandemic response by the City of Bismarck and Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health. These informative updates will take place weekly. Watch the live updates on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 11 a.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/BBPH.gov/>
- To-date there are now 173 positive COVID-19 cases in the state of North Dakota, with 14 of those cases added since 11:00 p.m. yesterday. Of those 14 new cases, **no new cases were in Burleigh County, keeping the total number of positive cases at 32 in Burleigh County.** Twenty-nine individuals are hospitalized throughout the state. The first, positive, pregnant case in North Dakota was confirmed Thursday. ([CDCGuidanceforPregnantWomen](#))

As of April 3, 2020, Burleigh County has the second-highest number of cases in North Dakota.

Coronavirus Cases

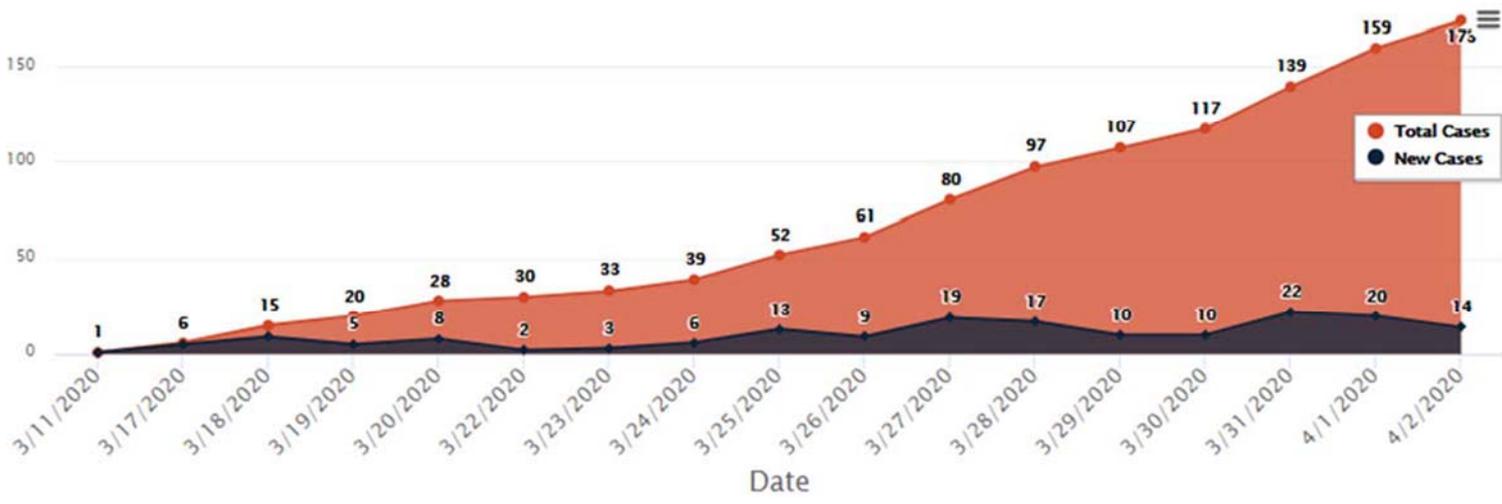
REPORTING CHANGE: Numbers will now be updated once a day at 11 AM. This allows the Department of Health to investigate individuals who test positive before reporting to the public, reducing the number of necessary corrections.

Updated around 11:00 AM daily

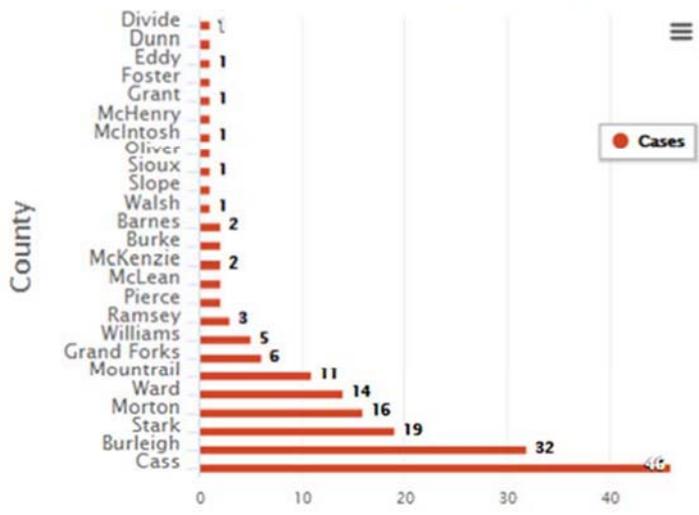
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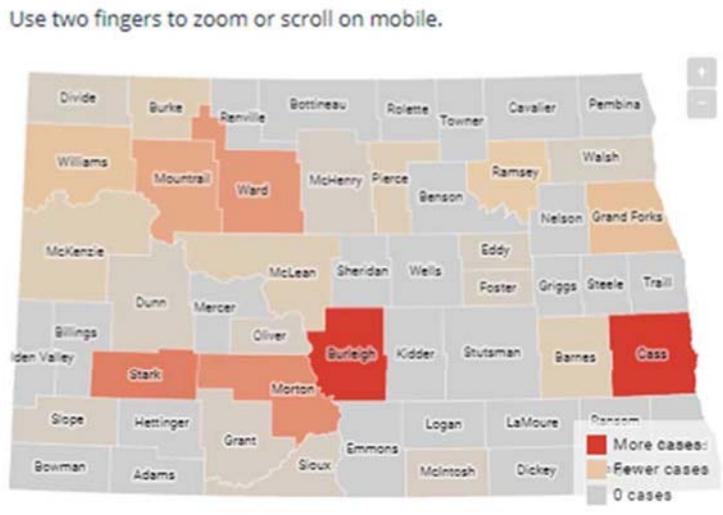
Trending Curve



Confirmed Positive Cases by County



County Map



Source: ND Department Of Health - Created with Datawrapper

For current information go to:

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

Renae Moch, Director of Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health, has noted that with a total of three COVID-19 deaths, there is still a need to emphasize the importance of social distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control. Everyone has an individual responsibility for the health and safety of our community during this COVID-19 pandemic. 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>



Due to the increase in positive cases in our area, the state has reached out to Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health (BBPH) 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>

SOCIAL DISTANCING IS A PRIORITY NOT A CHOICE

- STAY 6 FEET APART FROM OTHERS
- BE GOOD NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS BY STAYING APART

We want to see what you are doing!
Share your photos with us:

@BBPH.gov • #socialdistancebbph



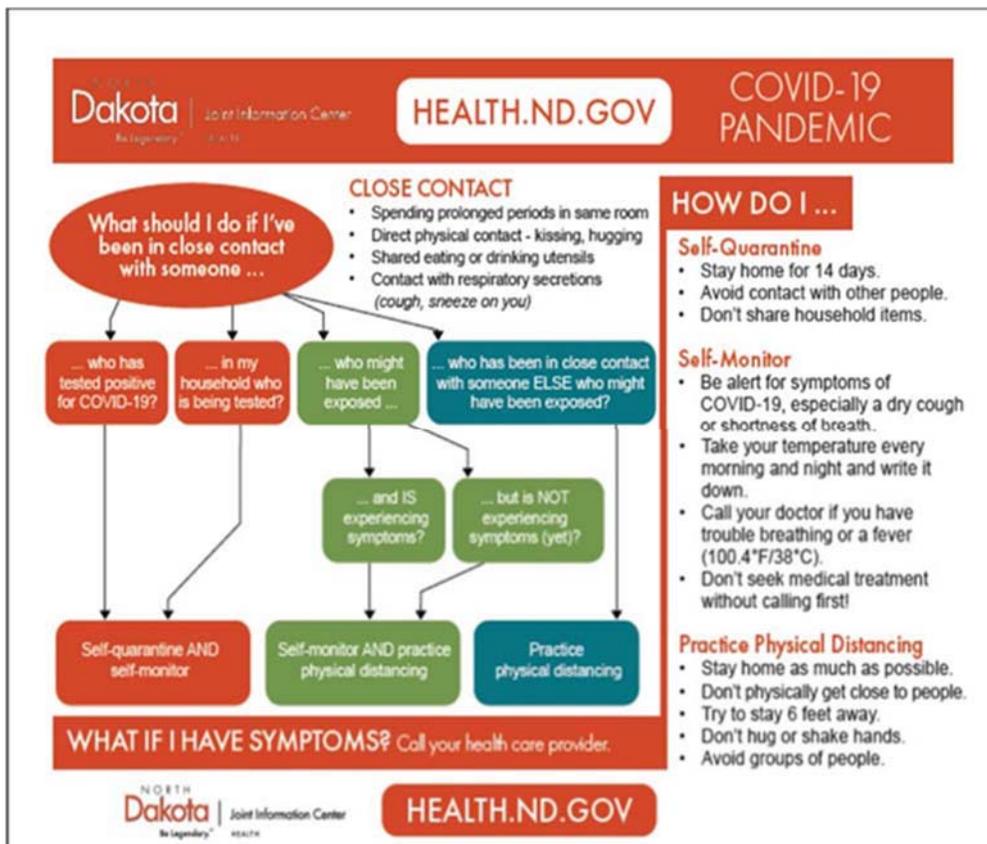
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Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health

NDoH COVID-19 HOTLINE: 7 AM - 10 PM
(p) 1.866.207.2880

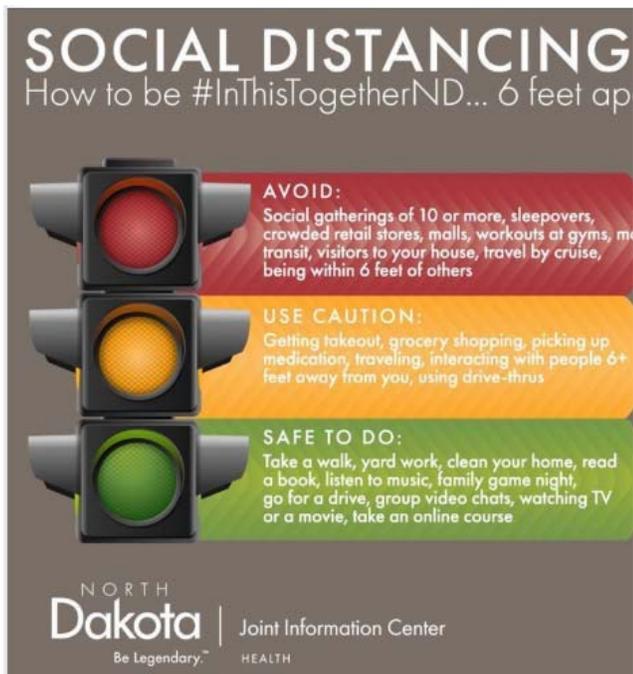
BBPH: M-F • 8 AM - 5 PM
(p) 701.355.1540
(e) bbph@bismarcknd.gov



Follow this infographic to learn more about what you should do if you've been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19.

Learn more about how to protect yourself and your family during a COVID-19 outbreak here:

[Coronavirus Resources](#)



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 of COVID-19:

- 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.
- Steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-fact-sheet.pdf>

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

CDC Recommendation Regarding the Use of Cloth Face Coverings (April 4, 2020)

CDC continues to study the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus across the United States. Recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. In light of this new evidence, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. Learn more [here](#). Use of face cloth coverings [here](#).

- ✓ Bismarck Public Works reminds residents to continue to bring their garbage containers out to the curb, and to place them on the boulevard or driveway apron. Please make sure all garbage is bagged, inside and outside of the container. If it is outside the garbage container and not bagged, it will not be picked up. Large items such as furniture, mattresses, cardboard, etc. should be taken to the Bismarck landfill. Landfill hours are Monday – Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information visit www.bismarcknd.gov.
- ✓ Bismarck’s [yard waste drop sites](#) opened today. We ask residents for their cooperation in following the guidelines when using these sites so we are able to continue this service. Follow the link for yard waste drop site guidelines and other details: <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=6592>



The Bismarck Police Department, and the Bismarck Fire Department will look a little different when responding to calls for emergency service. To continue providing service to the community, it is important that we keep our first responders safe and healthy. They are following protocols to help protect their personnel, including the enhanced use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). This equipment is designed to keep first responders, and the public, safe by minimizing contact and reducing the spread of the virus. Though conditions continue to change by the hour, the Bismarck Police Department, and the Bismarck Fire Department stand ready to support the community 24/7/365.



- Building Inspections Services Division has developed procedures in response to COVID-19. In an effort to reduce exposure and to protect the general public and our city employees, inspections will be suspended for all projects where access to an occupied dwelling unit is required. We are working hard to continue to provide inspections services during this unprecedented time and appreciate everyone's flexibility while we prioritize lower risk locations such as new residential and commercial projects, including healthcare facilities and critical infrastructure. Further details about the procedures can be found at: <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/111/Building-Inspections>.
- A list of City departments providing essential services, and contact information for each, is available at: <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/35260/COVID-19-Essential-Operations-Phone-Guide-PDF>
- The Downtowners Association and the City of Bismarck have created a partnership to establish temporary curbside pickup zones in Downtown Bismarck to assist customers and businesses to connect in a safe way. McQuade Distributing has generously printed the signage for these zones to help customers and businesses connect a curbside purchase. Please help to support our local businesses as you continue to follow the health guidelines for safety during COVID-19. There are currently 8 zones in Downtown Bismarck. View the map at <http://www.downtownbismarck.com/>
- We encourage the public to follow Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health and the City of Bismarck on our social media sites** for essential information. For the most updated and timely information related to COVID-19, visit the City of Bismarck web site at www.bismarcknd.gov and follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/BBPH.gov/>, <https://twitter.com/BBPublicHealth>, www.facebook.com/bismarcknd.gov and [www.twitter.com/BismarckNDGov](https://twitter.com/BismarckNDGov).
- 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 <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/list.aspx>.
- 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 <https://bismarcknd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=6574> to see how to sign up.
- Remember that 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 <https://dakotamediaaccess.org/ch-2-home/> and <https://radioaccess.org/>

Important Updates and Information

- ✓ **Fund set up for donations to aid COVID-19 response**
Are you looking for ways to support your community during this crisis? The best way is to donate directly to a trusted, local organization. If they can't accept donations, or if you prefer, you can give to the ND COVID-19 Community & Nonprofit Response Fund at the North Dakota Community Foundation. www.ndcf.net
- ✓ **Personal protective equipment being accepted**
Donations of personal protective equipment also are being accepted to ensure health care workers and first responders are protected as they respond to COVID-19. Commercially-produced supplies can be dropped off at NDDOT district locations. Details: <https://ndresponse.gov/covid-19-resources/get-involved-how-you-can-help>
- ✓ Governor Burgum announced Thursday he signed an [executive order](#) giving school districts the flexibility to hold elections by mail ballot only between April 1 and June 30. A separate [executive order](#) giving counties similar flexibility was issued last week.
- ✓ Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem reminds North Dakota residents to check the facts to avoid being fooled by a coronavirus-related scam. Find more information call toll-free 1- 800-472-2600 or visit: <https://attorneygeneral.nd.gov/news/stenehjem-dont-be-fooled-coronavirus-scam>.
- ✓ Be aware, if you are receiving phone calls or e-mails asking for donations or personal information it could be scam. Members of the public can report suspected fraud scam related to COVID-19 by calling the National Center for Disaster Fraud hotline at 866-720-5721 or emailing disaster@leo.gov.
- ✓ Governor Burgum signed an [executive order](#) waiving the mandatory one-week waiting period for unemployment benefits as claims continue to increase in North Dakota during the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more details [here](#).
- ✓ Governor Burgum extended the [executive order](#) for closures from April 6 to April 20. This includes state facilities, restaurants (other than take out or delivery) personal care services and more.

**ARRIVE SAFELY,
AND STAY THERE**

Are you traveling from an area with widespread COVID-19?

Visit health.nd.gov/travel to see if North Dakota's quarantine order applies to you.

North Dakota | Joint Information Center
No Spreading | health.nd.gov

State Health Officer Mylynn Tufté signed a confinement order directing individuals to quarantine for 14 days if traveling back to North Dakota from all international locations and states in the U.S. classified as having widespread disease by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. You can find more information at <https://www.health.nd.gov/news/tufte-orders-quarantine-individuals-traveling-international-locations-or-select-states>.



- 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 at 701-355-1350 or website <https://www.bismarcknd.gov/93/Municipal-Court> for instructions regarding alternate communications (phone, email, website, mail, drop box).
- Effective March 23, 2020, Bis-Man Transit restricted public access to its facility and implemented changes to Capital Area Transit (fixed-route) and Paratransit service until further notice. Call 701-258-6817 or visit <https://bismantransit.com/> for more information.

Information and Resources

- [DailyBulletin](#)
- [CityofBismarckwebsite](#)
- COVID-19 information [NDDoHwebsite](#)
- COVID-19 Hotline 7 am-10 pm: 1-866-207-2880
- [CentersforDiseaseContr](#)
[ol Español](#)
- [NDResponse.gov](#)
- [COVID19ResourcesforBusiness](#)
- Department of Commerce [resourcesforbusinesses](#)
- [NDResponse:COVID-19Personal,FamilyandCommunitySupport](#)
- [NDAttorneyGeneralConsumerProtectionconsumercomplaints](#) call toll-free 1-800-472-2600
- [FederalTradeCommissionTipsforCoronavirusScams](#)
- [WheretogoforHelpResources](#)
- [MissouriRiversystemGameandFishboatrampaccessstatus](#)
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