

# CITY OF BISMARCK DAILY BULLETIN

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### INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- For further information and resources, and help, click the “Learn More” button below.



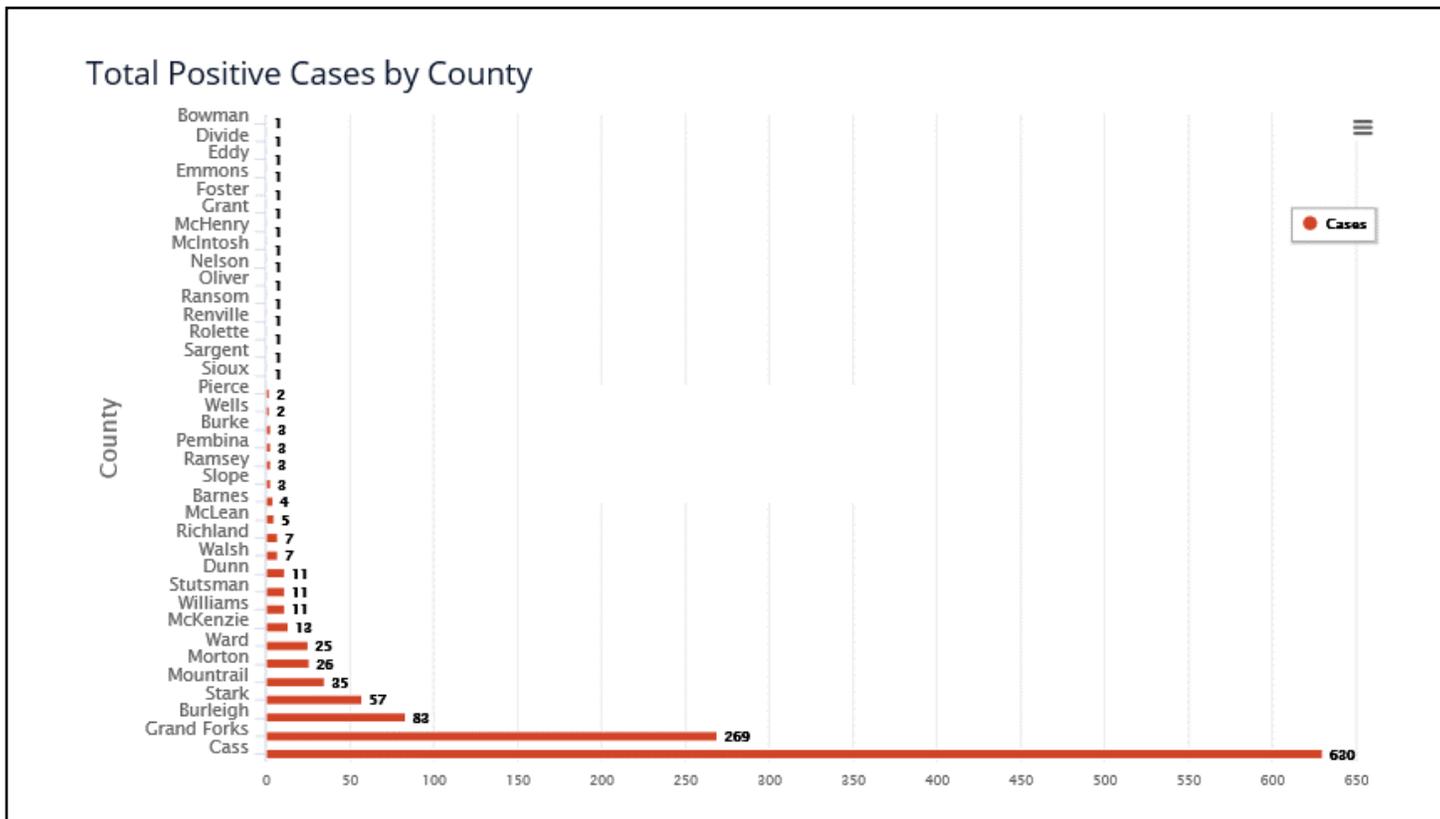
## COVID-19 CASE REPORTS

As of **May 4**, Burleigh County still has the **third highest** number of **positive cases**.

- **Statewide Positive Cases:** 1225
- **New Burleigh County Positive Cases:** 4 (Since reported on Friday, May 1, 2020)
- **Total Burleigh County Positive Cases:** 83
- **Statewide Total Hospitalized:** 94
- **Statewide Total Deaths:** 25

Special Note: The first positive pregnant case in ND was confirmed April 2, 2020. ([CDC Guidance for Pregnant Women](#))

Sourced from [ND Department of Health](#). Click the link to learn more!



## COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

Everyone has an individual responsibility for the health and safety of our community during this COVID-19 pandemic.

- Wash Your Hands Often
- Stay home and avoid all non-essential travel
- Avoid touching your face
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wear a cloth mask
  - The [CDC recommends](#) wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies). Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children younger than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces
- Keep physical distance and avoid gatherings



## BISMARCK-BURLEIGH PUBLIC HEALTH (BBPH) UPDATE

- **More than 600 Individuals Tested at Mass Testing Event Conducted by Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health**

More than 600 tests samples were collected during a drive-through mass testing event Saturday at the Bismarck Event Center. Staff from Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health and numerous other entities conducted testing for COVID-19. [Read the details here.](#)

- We are currently waiting for the test results to come in. The state lab has a back-log of tests due to the abundance of testing done over the weekend. The State lab has the capacity to do over 2,000 tests per day. Shortage of deep well plates for testing machine today has led to thousands of tests backlogged today. We will keep you informed on test results for our event once they are received.
- Confirmed positive testing rate today = 2.4%, cumulative positive rate = 3.5%

## CITY OF BISMARCK AND LOCAL NEWS

- **Bis-Man Transit will Resume all CAT Bus and Paratransit Services on Monday, May 11**

In response to Governor Burgum’s amended executive order for “North Dakota Smart Restart”, Bis-Man Transit will be resuming all CAT Bus and paratransit services on Monday, May 11th. [More Information.](#)

- **Bismarck Public Works advises flushing water lines when reopening**

With businesses starting to reopen, the Bismarck Public Works Department advises business owners to thoroughly flush all water lines that haven’t had water usage during the recent closure. [View the details.](#)

- **Bismarck offers virtual option for public meeting attendance and participation**

Due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19 the City of Bismarck is encouraging citizens to provide their comments for Bismarck City Commission agenda items by alternative methods. [View the details.](#)

- **Remember 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 [Government Access](#) and [Radio Access 102.5.](#)

- **Building Inspections Services Division COVID-19 protocol developed**

The City of Bismarck Building Inspections Services Division is working hard to continue to provide inspections services during this unprecedented time. [More details here.](#)

- **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. [Sign up today!](#)

- The Burleigh County Courthouse is restricting public access due to COVID-19. Contact them at 701-355-1350 or [website](#) for instructions regarding alternate communications (phone, email, website, mail, drop box).

## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES



- **Mayor Bakken’s City Update**

Facebook Live Video held on the City of Bismarck’s Facebook Page ([@BismarckNDGov](#)) every Monday morning at 10:00 AM

- **Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Update with Renae Moch and Jason Tomanek**  
Facebook Live Video held on the Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Facebook Page ([@BBPH.gov](#)) every Wednesday and Friday at 11:00 AM
- **Bismarck Police Department: “Coffee with a Cop”**  
Facebook Live Video held on the Bismarck Police Department’s Facebook Page ([@bismarckpolice](#)) every Thursday morning at 10:00 AM
- **Follow Along**  
We encourage the public to follow Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health on [Facebook](#) , [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) And the City of Bismarck on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), or visit the City of Bismarck [web site](#).

## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- May 1, 2020 – **Education via Distance Learning for K-12 Schools will Remain in Effect**  
Governor Doug Burgum said Friday his [executive order](#) directing K-12 schools to provide education via distance learning will remain in effect through the end of the current school year to help slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect students, staff and communities.
- April 29, 2020 – **Burgum Provides North Dakota Smart Restart Protocols for Businesses Resuming or Continuing Operations** Read the Executive Order [here](#).  
  
The business restrictions under Executive Order 2020-06.3 expired Thursday, April 30. It has been replaced with an order allowing those businesses to reopen under Phase 1 rules in the [North Dakota Smart Restart](#) plan.
- Find [more Executive Orders](#) related to the COVID-19 pandemic.



## NORTH DAKOTA STATE GOVERNMENT NEWS

- May 4, 2020 – **Special Edition Commerce Business Briefing Call Slated for Thursday**  
The North Dakota Department of Commerce today announced that Minneapolis federal Reserve President Neel Kashkari will join Commerce for a special edition of the Commerce Business Briefing call on May 7. See the details [here](#).
- May 4, 2020 – **State Parks Announces Reopening of Campgrounds**  
The North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department announces the reopening of state park campgrounds. In alignment with the North Dakota Smart Restart Campaign, the department will be opening all campgrounds, except Little Missouri State Park, on May 9 for no-service camping. Starting May 21, all parks will be opened with limited service for this season. [See the details](#).
- May 4, 2020 – **North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) Announces CARES Act Fund Guidelines and Applications to Provide Short-Term Financial Relief to Those in the Arts, Cultural and Creative Industries Impacted by COVID-19 Pandemic**  
Organizations and nonprofits are a segment of the North Dakota arts and cultural community especially hard-hit by this public health emergency. [Find more information](#).
- May 4, 2020 – **Highway Patrol Sees Increase in Speeding Citations Over 10 mph**  
Despite there being fewer vehicles on the road due to COVID-19, the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) has seen an increase in speeding citations issued for drivers exceeding the speed limit by over 10 mph. From March 15 to April 15, 2020, citations issued for speeds in excess of 10 mph have increased by 38% when compared to a 3-year average (2016-2018) of the citations issued during the same time period. [Full Story](#).
- Find more information about the state’s COVID-19 response [here](#) and find [recent news releases](#).