

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.



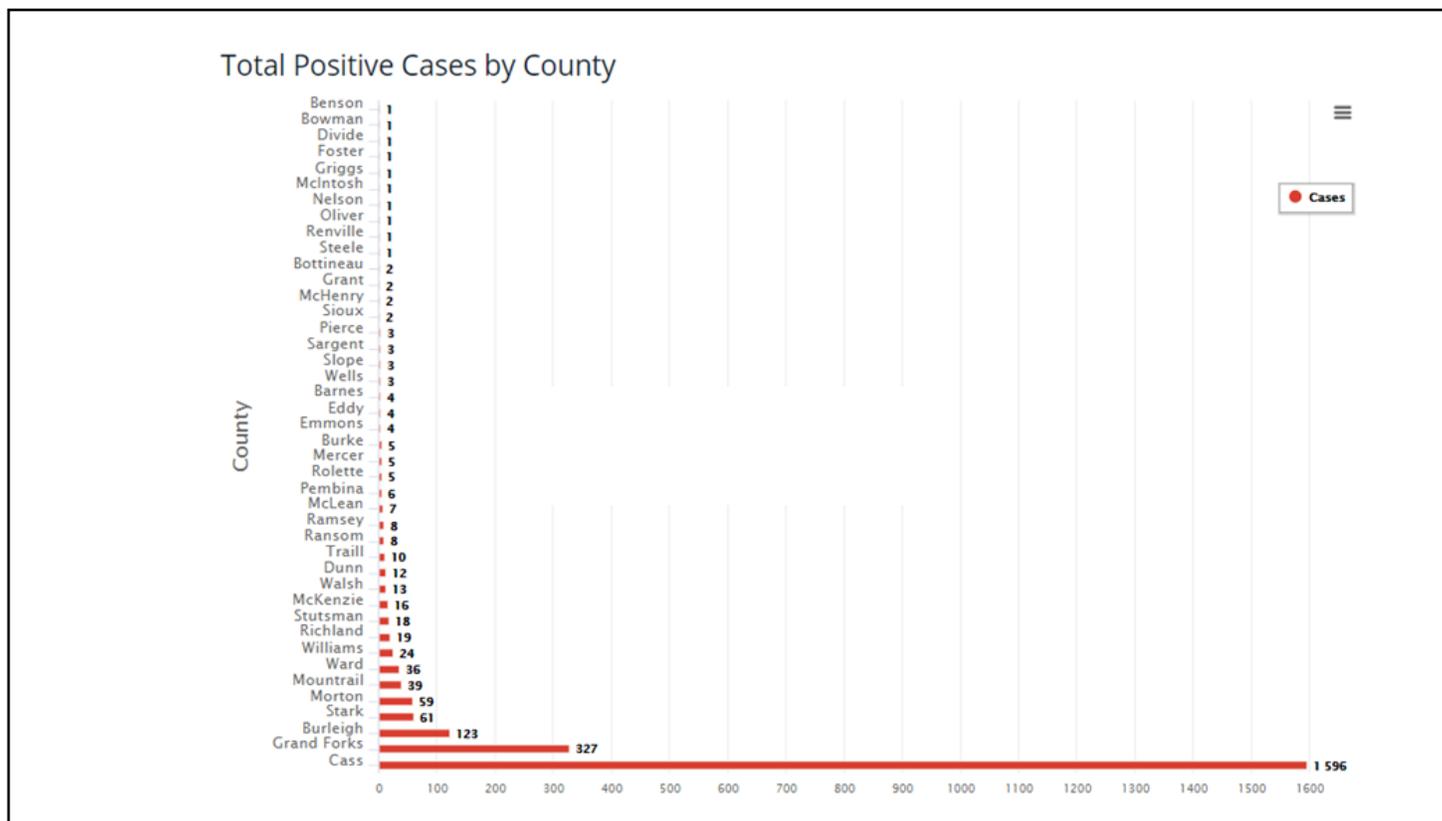
COVID-19 CASE REPORTS

As of **May 27**, **Burleigh County** still has the **third highest** number of **positive cases**.

- **Statewide Positive Cases:** 2439
- **New Burleigh County Positive Cases:** This figure will be updated in the future due to retesting
- **Total Burleigh County Positive Cases:** 123
- **Statewide Total Hospitalized:** 161
- **Statewide Total Deaths:** 56

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

- **Lab Equipment Malfunction**

The lab experienced a recent malfunction on two pieces of lab equipment. Out of an abundance of caution, 82 positive results will be considered inconclusive and the individuals have been asked to retest. All the facilities involved have been notified. The issue was caught quickly and early; the malfunction has been corrected and has not impacted lab processing.

The retests will run over the next couple of days - an update will be provided in future news releases and more information will be provided at the news conference on Tuesday. For now, the previous results remain in the total positive count and will be adjusted after the results are in. More to come.

- Total Retests Complete: 74
- Positive: 1
- Negative: 73
- 1 individual declined testing and is self-isolating at home

CITY OF BISMARCK AND LOCAL NEWS

- **Bismarck's City-Wide Street Sweeping Schedule Update**

The City of Bismarck Street Department continues with the [city-wide street sweeping project](#). City crews will sweep streets as listed below. Crews will continue this schedule, weather permitting, until all residential streets are swept. It will take approximately 3 to 7 days in each area. Thank you for your cooperation.

- **Bismarck Mayor's Prayer Breakfast to be Held June 25**

The Bismarck Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held Thursday, June 25th. Reservations are required and must be made in advance by Noon, June 19, 2020. Find more information and how to make your reservation [here](#).

- **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



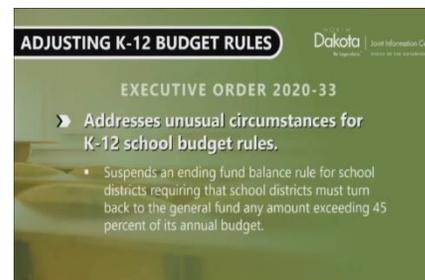
- **Mayor Bakken's City Update**

Facebook Live Video on the City of Bismarck's Facebook Page ([@BismarckNDGov](#)) every Monday morning at 10:00 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 27, 2020 – 2020-33 [Burgum Suspends Rule on Ending Fund Balances for School Districts](#)
- May 22, 2020 – 2020.06.7 [Burgum Strongly Encourages Businesses to Follow ND Smart Restart Guidelines](#)
- 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 27, 2020 – **Burgum Appoints Wynne, Stahl to Lead ND Health Strategy, Operations; thanks Tuftte for Service**



Governor Doug Burgum today appointed University of North Dakota Interim President Joshua Wynne to be the state’s chief health strategist and Dr. Andrew Stahl to serve as interim state health officer overseeing the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH). The governor thanked outgoing State Health Officer Mylynn Tuftte for her leadership of the NDDoH for over three years, including through the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Find more [here](#).

- May 27, 2020 – **Human Services Awarded Emergency Grant to Support Behavioral Health Response to COVID-19; Agency is Seeking Proposals to Provide Behavioral Health Services**

The North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Behavioral Health Division has been awarded a \$2 million grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to support the state’s behavioral health response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Today, the division made available informal requests for proposals (RFP) seeking two addiction treatment providers and one mental health provider to develop and implement comprehensive plans of evidence-based mental and substance use disorder treatment services for individuals impacted by the pandemic. Read the [details here](#).

- **There is a new phishing scam going around via text message, where scammers pose as COVID-19 contact tracers. Remember:**

1. Don't click the link
2. Contact tracers will never ask for financial information
3. Report the text to the ND Attorney General's office. Call 1-800-472-2600 within ND

- Find more information about the state’s COVID-19 response [here](#) and find [recent news releases](#).

PROTECT YOURSELF! Watch out for this new phishing scam

A scam related to contact tracing is circulating around the US. Scammers posing as contact tracers working for local public health units are attempting to steal private information with a phishing scheme. If you receive a message like this, **DO NOT CLICK THE LINK.**

Contact tracers with the NDDoH and local public health units will never ask for information such as social security numbers, bank accounts/routing numbers, credit card numbers or insurance information over the phone.

If you receive a text message like this, please report it to the ND Attorney General's office.

