

CITY OF BISMARCK DAILY BULLETIN

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INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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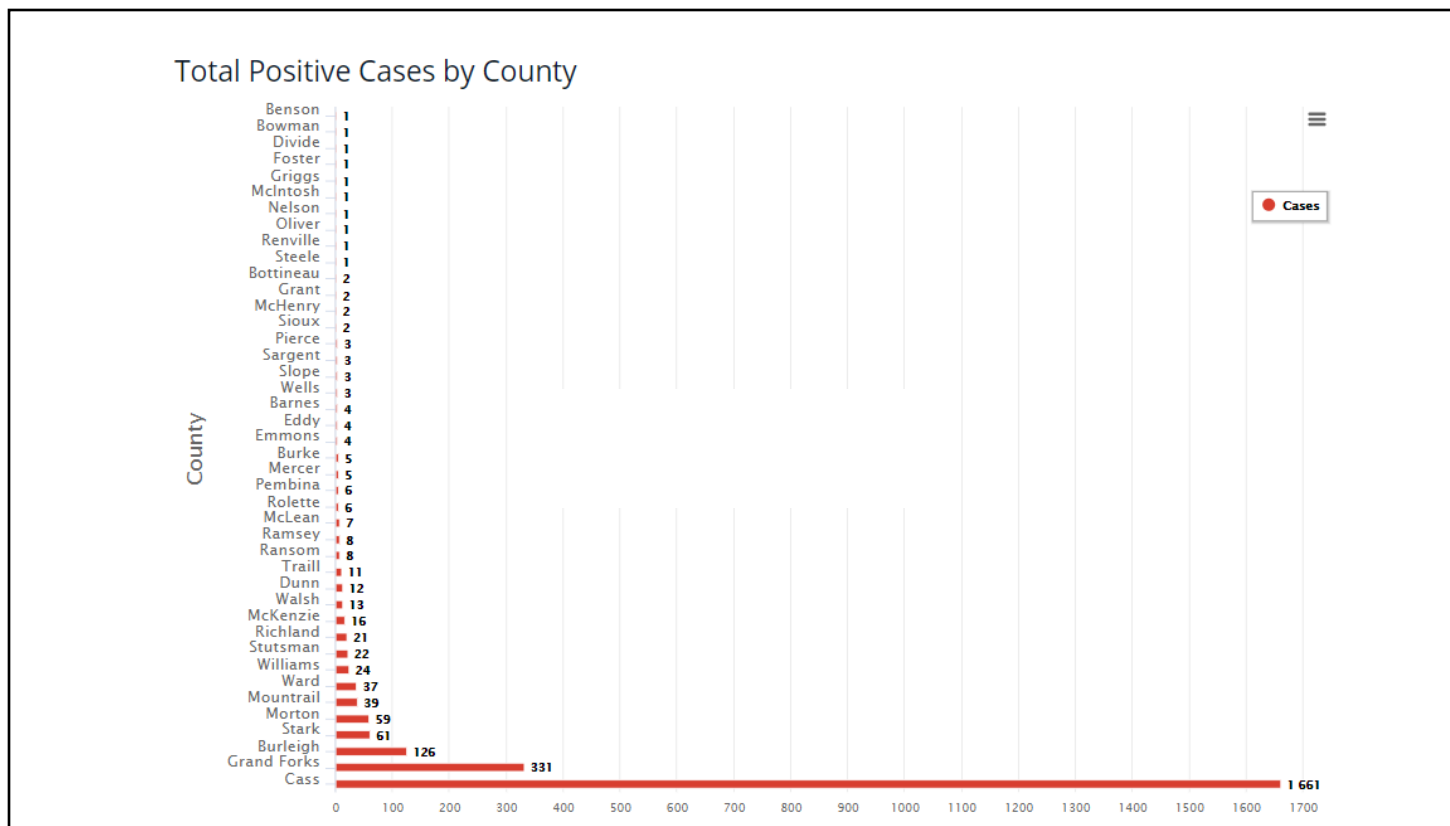
COVID-19 CASE REPORTS

As of **May 29**, Burleigh County still has the **third highest** number of **positive cases**.

- **Statewide Positive Cases:** 2520
- **New Burleigh County Positive Cases:** 3 (Since reported her on 5/27/20.)
- **Total Burleigh County Positive Cases:** 126
- **Statewide Total Hospitalized:** 164
- **Statewide Total Deaths:** 59

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

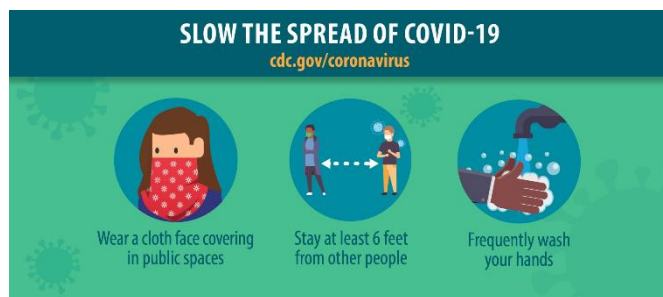
Sourced from [ND Department of Health](#). Click the link to learn more!



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

- **CDC Releases Interim Guidelines for COVID-19 Antibody Testing in Clinical and Public Health Settings**
 - Currently, there is no identified advantage of serologic assays (antibody tests) whether they test for IgG, IgM and IgG, or total antibody.
 - Serologic test results should not be used to make decisions about grouping persons residing in or being admitted to congregate settings, such as schools, dormitories, or correctional facilities.
 - Serologic test results should not be used to make decisions about returning persons to the workplace.
 - Until more information is available about the dynamics of IgA detection in serum, testing for IgA antibodies is not recommended.
 - Read the full list of [CDC Guidelines](#)
- **Antibody Tests for Covid-19 Wrong up to Half the Time, CDC Says** – Read about it [here](#).
- **ND COVID-19 Physician Advisory Group (PAG) Recommendations Regarding Serology Testing**
 - PAG recommends that serology testing be considered for diagnostics **ONLY** when previously untested close contacts want to donate convalescent plasma.
 - Businesses requesting serology testing should submit plan, including what will be done with the information.
 - PAG recommends all positive serology tests be followed up with Abbott Architect.
 - 178,000 serology tests have been ordered for North Dakota. These tests will be validated by the ND Department of Health before being released for use.
- **Current North Dakota Testing by the Numbers**
 - 2,894 tests completed today record number of tests completed. Former record was 2861 previous record of tests per day on May 15, 2020.
 - 1.4% positive rate, lowest positive rate since May 17th, lowest rate we have seen since focusing testing on potentially high contact situations.
 - Tested over 9% of total population, only 3 states have done this nationwide.
 - As of this week, long-term care facilities have all completed initial round of testing for all residents and staff. Guidelines are being developed to reopen long-term care facilities by the ND Department of Human Services.
- **Rena Moch, Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health Director, Provided a COVID-19 Update at the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting on May 28.** View it [here](#).

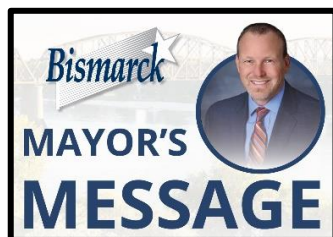
CITY OF BISMARCK AND LOCAL NEWS

- **Bis-Man Transit Extends Fare Suspension for Fixed Route and Paratransit Services to June 30, 2020**
Bis-Man Transit has extended fare extension for both Fixed Route and Paratransit Services to June 30, 2020. Regular fares are scheduled to resume July 1. Please visit Bismantransit.com for more information.
- **The 2020 UTTC International Powwow has been Cancelled**
The 2020 UTTC International Powwow scheduled to run September 8 through September 13 has been cancelled. More information is available [here](#).
- **Bismarck Forestry Begins Aerial Spraying for Cankerworm Control**
The City of Bismarck will begin the cankerworm spray program on Monday, June 1, 2020. Aerial spraying is expected to begin 30 minutes before sunrise, weather permitting. Read more [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](#).



- **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!](#)
- 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 29, 2020 – **Burgum Announces Move to Next Phase of ND Smart Restart Plan**
Governor Doug Burgum today announced North Dakota is moving to the next phase of its [ND Smart Restart plan](#), as the state continues to see a high rate of testing per capita, a low positive test rate and adequate hospital capacity to handle potential surges in COVID-19 cases.
- May 28, 2020 – **Child Care Supports ND Smart Restart; North Dakota Extends Child Care Emergency Operating Grants and Modifies Child Care Guidance** Read the details [here](#).
- Find more information about the state’s COVID-19 response [here](#) and find [recent news releases](#).

