

# COVID-19 Update

Grand Forks City Council  
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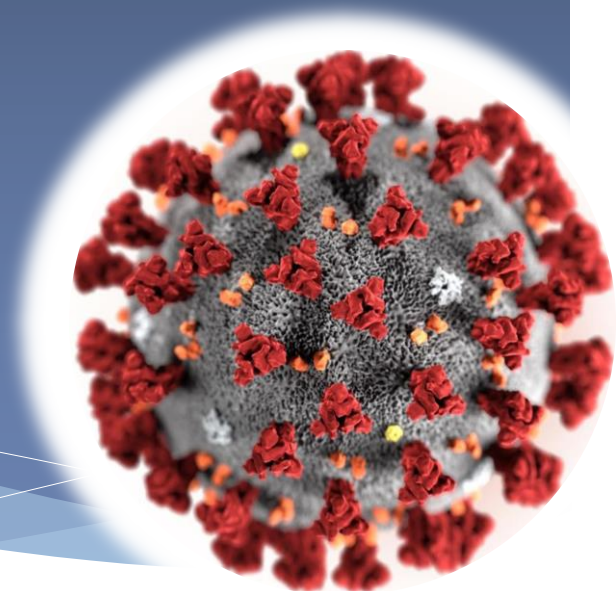
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**Stay at Home.  
Stop the Spread.**



# Statewide Coronavirus Overview

## COVID-19 TESTING

In North Dakota reported Monday, May 18

31

Daily Positive Test Results

2,066

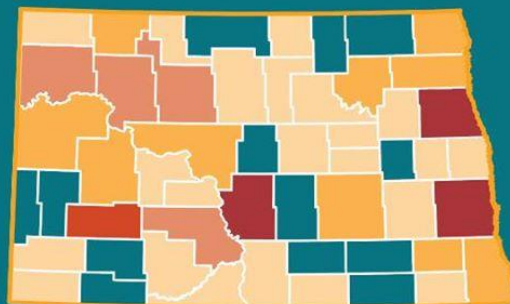
Daily Total Tests Completed

1,340

New Individuals Tested

726

Individuals Re-tested



1,931

Total Positive Cases

1,219

Recovered

56,561

Total Unique Individuals Tested

67,951

Total Tests Completed

32

Currently Hospitalized

133

Cases Requiring Hospitalization

44

Deaths

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

# GF County COVID-19 Overview

## Total Tests

**5145 (9% of all ND Tests)**

## Total Positive

**317 (17% of all ND Cases) + 28 in last week**

## Total Recovered

**203**

## Grand Forks County Deaths

**3**



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# GF County COVID-19 Overview

## Sources of Exposure

Household Contact: 80

Confirmed Travel: 2

Possible Travel: 2

Close Contact: 63

Community Spread: 141

Under Investigation: 29



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Data as of 05/18/20, 11:00am ([ndhealth.gov](http://ndhealth.gov))

# GF Public Health Response

- **Leadership for Local Joint Information Center**

News conference planning, social media message development, coordination with other community partners

- **Current Contact Tracing Efforts**

Current GFPH team has been reduced to 9 due to other ICS or program needs

To date, personnel have followed:

**11 Positive Cases ( 102 Recovered)**

**47 Close Contacts ( 247 Released from Quarantine)**

Other state and regional partners are conducting tracing of GF County residents, including local health departments, Spectra Health, NDSU and UND MPH students and UND Student Health Services personnel.



# GF Public Health Response

- **Quarantine and Isolation of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness and Domestic Violence**  
Includes intake, transportation, shelter, food delivery, case management, and behavioral health services
- **Local partners include: Northlands Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Northeast Human Service Zone, Northeast Human Service Center, Grand Forks Public Health, City of Grand Forks**



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# GF Public Health Response

- **ND/GF Smart Restart**
- GFPH Environmental Health staff working with local business under health department authority (bars, restaurants, etc.)
- Guidance e-mailed to all licensed establishments
- Information provided to The Chamber, media outlets, social media
- Reviewing guidance and workplace assessments
- Addressing public concerns

## Increased Fit-Testing Requests

As “Restart” commences, more entities have submitted requests for PPE fit-testing (dental offices, group homes, para-transit drivers etc.)



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<https://www.grandforksgov.com/business/gfsmart-restart>

<https://ndresponse.gov/covid-19-resources/covid-19-business-and-employer-resources/nd-smart-restart>

# GF Public Health Response

- **Participation in Mass and Targeted Testing Events**
  - Several GFPH staff have been utilized in various positions at three mass testing events – April 16, April 23 and May 14
  - Performed targeted testing for fire department personnel
  - Coordinated supplies and PPE for testing event at St. Anne’s Guest Home
  - Communication with all long term care facilities in Grand Forks County regarding testing





# GF Public Health Restart Activities

- **Consulting with Grand Forks County**
- **Continuing and restarting some public health services**  
TB medications, jail nursing, home visits, harm reduction services, septic plan review and inspections, limited nuisance inspections, mosquito control, disease surveillance
- **Planning for the future**  
Vaccination services including seasonal flu and SARS CoV-2, routine restaurant inspections, other public health services when safe to do so.



# COVID-19 Hotline Information

ND Dept. of Health Public Hotline: **866-207-2880**

ND Dept. of Health Long-Term Care Hotline: **877-460-0890**

ND Dept. of Health Provider Hotline: **888-391-3430**

Altru COVID-19 Screening Line: **701-780-6358**

Grand Forks Public Health Line: **701-787-8100**

COVID Risk Assessment: **[health.nd.gov/risk-assessment](https://health.nd.gov/risk-assessment)**



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# COVID-19 Resources

- \* ND Department of Health

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

- \* ND Department of Health Frequently Asked ?s

<https://www.ndresponse.gov/covid-19-resources/covid-19-faqs>

- \* US Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

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

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# COVID-19 Resources

\* World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

\* Global COVID-19 Map/Tracker

<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

\* ND Behavioral/Mental Health COVID-19 Resources

<https://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/covid-19>

\* City of Grand Forks COVID-19 Info Page

<https://www.grandforksgov.com/government/city-departments/public-health/covid-19>



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# QUESTIONS ?



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