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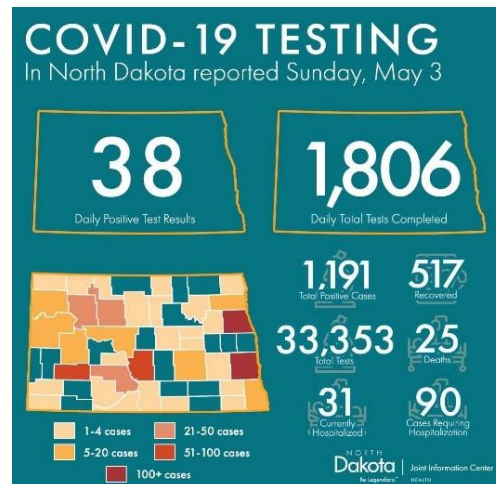
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NORTH DAKOTA CORONAVIRUS UPDATE AS OF MAY 3, 2020

The [North Dakota Department of Health](#) (NDDOH) today confirmed 38 new cases of novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The cases confirmed as of 11 a.m. include 33 in the Fargo area, 2 in the Grand Forks area, 1 in Stutsman County, 1 in Stark County, and 1 in Williams County. **There have been 33,353 total tests with 1,191 total positive cases, 90 requiring hospitalization, 31 currently hospitalized, 517 recovered and 25 deaths.**



[Odney Advertising](#) provides daily updates directly from the [ND Department of Health](#).

BRIDGING THE SKILLS-GAP AND WORKFORCE NEEDS

Has your business experienced a gap between your workforce needs and employee skills offered? [Burdick Job Corps](#) is looking for employer partnerships to bridge the skills-gap and better prepare North Dakota's workforce through a collaborative

initiative. By offering student employees work-based learning experiences, such as job-shadowing, internships, co-ops, apprenticeships, etc. student employees will gain valuable real-life exposure and experience, molding them into potential employees for your business that are ready to hit the ground running. This collaborative initiative offers mutual benefits for employers involved, [click here](#) for more information.



VERENDRYE ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL OCT. 22, 2020

[Verendrye Electric Cooperative](#) has postponed its annual meeting to Thursday, Oct. 22 to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Verendrye normally holds the meeting the second week in June. The annual meeting is where Verendrye members hear reports regarding the cooperative's business and finances and vote for their board of directors.



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Verendrye previously postponed caucus meetings that were to be held in mid-April. Caucus meetings are where members can be nominated to run for the board. Those meetings will be rescheduled at a later date and notice of the dates and locations will be sent to all members, published in North Dakota Living magazine and on Verendrye's various digital media.

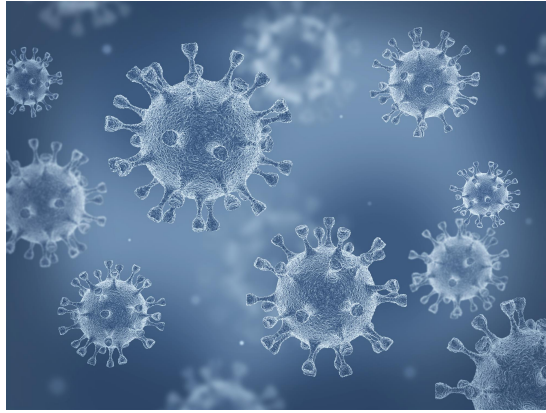
The annual meeting will continue to be held at the State Fair Center in Minot. [Click here](#) for the full press release and contact information for any of your questions.

CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19: RESOURCES & INFORMATION

The Minot Area Development Corporation (MADC) is dedicated to helping your business stay connected and informed during the COVID-19 pandemic, be sure to [visit our website](#) to access our trusted resources for business and community information during COVID-19.

Investor Spotlight

***Stories contributed
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SPECIAL PROMOTIONS AT FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK AND TRUST

[First International Bank & Trust \(FIBT\)](#) is proud to announce several exciting promotions:

- [Preston Phillips to Vice President, Commercial Lending](#)
- [Perry Olson to Assistant Vice President/Business Development](#)
- [Michael Larson to Vice President, Ag Lending](#)
- [Mathew Jensen to Vice President, Lending](#)
- [Kyle Stephens to Assistant Vice President, Commercial Lending](#)
- [Josh Wheeler to Assistant Vice President, Commercial Lending](#)

Click on the individuals above to read more about their promotions and dedication to FIBT!

TOWN & COUNTRY #1 FOR RETURNING VALUE TO MEMBERS

[Town & Country Credit Union](#) was ranked the number one credit union in North Dakota amongst their peers for value returned to members in the fourth quarter of 2019. This ranking is based on [Return of the Member \(ROM\)](#), a measurement method designed by national credit union research firm Callahan & Associates which ranks credit unions based on how well they are serving their members. The scores from this method are then used to rank Town & Country Credit Union in comparison to others of similar asset size (assets greater than \$100 million).



“Positively impacting our members by providing meaningful value every day is at the very heart of what we’re here to do every day,” said Jeremiah Kossen, President/CEO of Town & Country Credit Union. “This ranking recognizes that our credit union is strong, growing and committed to giving back to our members, and that’s a ranking we can be very proud of.” [Read more](#) about Town & Country Credit Union's evaluation.

BREMER BANK: PLANTING IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC

COVID-19 is wreaking havoc nearly everywhere, but U.S. farmers are preparing to get back into spring planting tradition. Commodity markets have been drastically affected by both COVID-19 and OPEC oil production cuts, leaving traders and farmers to try and navigate daily volatilities. To farmer’s delight, field conditions have been improving throughout early spring. February and March were very dry in the Upper Midwest which helped provide relief to fields recovering from a wet fall. Farmers are on pace for a timely planting season, [click here](#) for more.

Thank you for supporting economic development in the Minot area and investing in Minot's future! The following businesses renewed their yearly investment in April 2020:

BNSF Railway
JLG Architects

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