

Rise and ski



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A cross-country skier hits the trails during an early morning outing along the Red River in south Fargo on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

ND reports 94 new coronavirus cases

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BISMARCK — Following are the North Dakota Department of Health COVID-19 case rates, deaths, hospitalizations and vaccinations as of Friday, Feb. 26. Because all data is preliminary, some numbers and totals may change from one day to the next.

Statewide case rates

► **NEW CASES:** 94
► **TOTAL ACTIVE CASES:** 707
► **TOTAL CASES:** 99,711
► **TOTAL RECOVERED:** 97,562
► **DAILY TEST POSITIVITY RATE:** 1.59%
North Dakota's active case count increased by one on Friday. Ward County reported 16

positive cases, while Cass and Grand Forks County each reported 12 additional cases.

Hospitalizations, deaths

► **ACTIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS:** 21
► **DEATHS, NEWLY REPORTED:** 1
► **TOTAL DEATHS:** 1,442

The Department of Health reported the death of a Cass County man in his 60s. Hospitalizations decreased by four over the last day.

Vaccinations

► **FIRST DOSE ADMINISTERED:** 126,570 (17.3% of population)
► **COMPLETED SERIES (Two doses):** 69,786 (9.5% of population)

COVID-19 IN OUR REGION

Cass County totals

New cases: 12
Active cases: 145 (-5 on 2/26)
Active per 10K: 8
Deaths: 196 (+1)

Clay County totals

New cases: 14
Deaths: 87 (+1)

Totals as of 9 p.m. last night. For the most timely information, see InForum.com

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A total of 211,507 shots have been administered to North Dakotans. The Department of Health urges residents to seek more information at www.health.nd.gov/covidvaccinelocator.

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Minnesota reports 1,100 new COVID-19 cases, 12 deaths

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ST. PAUL — Following are the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 case rates, deaths, hospitalizations and vaccinations as of Friday, Feb. 26. Because all data is preliminary, some numbers and totals may change from one day to the next.

Statewide case rates

► **NEW CASES:** 1,156
► **SEVEN-DAY, ROLL-**

ING AVERAGE OF NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE: 13.2 (As of Wednesday, Feb. 17.)
► **TOTAL CASES:** 482,978
► **TOTAL RECOVERED:** 469,149
► **SEVEN-DAY, ROLLING AVERAGE TEST POSITIVITY RATE:** 3.7%

Hospitalizations, deaths

► **ACTIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS:** 263
► **TOTAL HOSPITAL-**

IZATIONS: 25,683
► **DEATHS, NEWLY REPORTED:** 12
► **TOTAL DEATHS:** 6,462

Vaccinations

► **FIRST DOSE ADMINISTERED:** 804,716 people, or 14.5% of the state population
► **COMPLETED SERIES (2 doses):** 405,992, or 7.3% of the state population

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BRIEFS

Bismarck man faces felonies after confrontation with West Fargo police

WEST FARGO — A Bismarck man was charged in Cass County District Court on Thursday, Feb. 25, with two felony counts in connection with an incident Wednesday in which West Fargo police employed nonlethal weapons to subdue the man.

According to a report released by West Fargo police:

On Wednesday evening, police responded to a report of an individual with outstanding warrants in the 800 block of East Beaton Drive.

Anthony Olson, 29, of the Bismarck area, was determined to have active warrants for terrorizing and interfering with a 911 call.

Officers encountered Olson traveling on foot, and when they ordered him to show his hands he did not immediately comply.

When Olson continued to disobey commands,

officers attempted to use de-escalation tactics to gain compliance, including using a Taser and beanbag-style shotgun.

At one point Olson stopped and dropped to the ground, at which point he used a knife in a slashing motion toward one of the officers while telling officers to shoot him, according to the police report.

A Taser was again used and was effective in subduing Olson, who was given medical treatment for self-inflicted wounds before he was taken into custody for outstanding warrants and on suspicion of having committed new offenses.

Charges filed Thursday included one count of felony preventing arrest and one count of felony attempted simple assault on a peace officer.

No officers were injured during the incident.

Bismarck officer cited after striking pedestrian with vehicle

BISMARCK — A Bismarck police officer was

cited Wednesday night, Feb. 24, after striking a pedestrian with his patrol car.

The incident occurred at around 9 p.m., according to a release from the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

Officer Collin Schlect, 24, was responding to a call that had been broadcast over police radio in his vehicle, a 2019 Ford Explorer, according to the news release. Schlect was exiting a parking lot when he struck Marlo Hunt-Beaubrun, 44, of Bismarck, who was walking in the lighted, marked crosswalk.

Hunt-Beaubrun was taken to Sanford Medical Center by Metro Area Ambulance for minor injuries. Schlect was cited for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, according to the release.

The crash is under investigation by the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

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