

**WDAY / WDAZ/KBMY/KMCY**  
2021 4th Quarter Report

**Covid-19 in North Dakota / Minnesota**

- Tracking case numbers in ND and MN
- Hospital numbers, lack of hospital and ICU beds - due to both the surge in covid cases and increase in non-covid-related hospitalizations and care
- Hospitals needing to add hospital beds
- Travel nurse demands and costs
- Demands for booster shots
- Child vaccination approvals and demands
- Vaccine mandates by workplaces leads to firings
- Battle over mask mandates in schools
- Omicron discovered and quickly advancing to take over as the main variant in MN and ND
- Increase in testing numbers at local test sites

**Total Stories:** 50

**Total Time:** 1 hour

**Weather**

- Warm fall causes problems for sugar beet farmers, who are unable to pile beets
- Heavy fall rain also delays harvesting for crops
- After a summer drought, heavy fall rains create problems going into winter
- Halloween pumpkins are in short supply after a poor harvest related to the drought
- Warm fall days allow golf courses to reopen
- Snowy December - the region receives as much snow in December as it did all of the last winter season.
- Plows and crews prep / deal with December blizzard

**Total Stories:** 25

**Total Time:** 1 hour

**Glasser Images Closing**

- Photography business abruptly closes, leaving couples without photographers/videographers for weddings (including weddings happening within 24 hours of closure)
- Closure also causes couples recently married to not be able to receive photographs taken by the company
- Attorney General announces investigation into in Glasser company
- A third party business begins allowing couples to access their images

**Total Stories:** 8

**Total Time:** 40 minutes

**Family of Seven Dies**

- In Moorhead, a family of seven is discovered dead in their home; no sign of violence. A week long investigation leads police to believe they died of carbon monoxide poisoning
- How to stay safe and keep your home safe of carbon monoxide
- Fundraisers held for the family
- Local hardware stores have problems keep detectors in stock.

**Total Stories:** 7

**Total Time:** 35 minutes

**Worker Shortages**

- Not filling rooms in nursing homes because lack of staff to care for additional patients; National Guard is called in to assist homes that don't have enough employees

- Daycare worker shortages causing daycares to close and parents to scramble or leave the workforce
- Seasonal jobs going unfilled during the holiday season

**Total Stories:** 10

**Total Time:** 25 mins