

## **Prairie Public Issues-Programs List for May through June, 2020**

**From the News Department.** All stories broadcast at 7:30 AM as well as other times.

**Schools and Distance Learning in the time of COVID:** “Bismarck Public Schools adapting to distance learning.” Aired: 4-1-20 Time: 3:00 Reporter: Dave Thompson

**COVID and Native Americans:** “Native American leaders to tribal members: Please take COVID seriously.” Aired: 4-15-20 Time: 2:49 Reporter: Todd McDonald

**Coronavirus and school lunches:** “ND Schools still serving lunches, despite the shutdown.” Aired: 4-27-20 Time 3:02 Reporter: Todd McDonald

**COVID Testing efforts:** “Field COVID testing in Grand Forks.” Aired: 5-14-20 Time 5:28 Reporter: Todd McDonald

**Wind power concerns:** “PSC Okays Burke County Wind Farm, despite concerns” Aired: 6-10-20 Time 2:57 Reporter: Dave Thompson

**From *Main Street*.** Broadcast at 3:00 PM with repeats at 7:00 PM.

### **5259 - Monday, April 6, 2020 – 1-hour format**

To quote North Dakota agriculture commissioner Doug Goehring, “calves are born and seed needs to go in the ground. Agriculture does not respect a pandemic.” He and Bette Brand, USDA Rural Development Deputy Undersecretary, join us for a Main Street town hall, where we discuss the issues facing agriculture and rural communities, and we’ll take your calls and emails.

### **5261 - Wednesday, April 8, 2020 – 1-hour format**

**Covid 19: A Main Street Interactive Town Hall,** today we discuss the challenge of schooling during a pandemic as students across the state go online for learning. Joining us are Kirsten Baesler, North Dakota superintendent of the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, and Jeffrey Holm, UND Vice Provost for Online Education and Strategic Planning.

### **5264 - Monday, April 13, 2020 – 1-hour format**

Our third “Covid-19 Main Street Interactive Town Hall.” Today’s special guests are Dr. Paul Carson, Professor of Practice at NDSU and the director of infection prevention and control at Sanford Health in Fargo; and Dr. Donald Warne, director of the Public Health Program and the Indians into Medicine Program at the University of North Dakota Medical School.

**5270 - Monday, April 20, 2020 – 1-hour format**

The Cares Act is the latest federal legislation to help address the hardships caused by the pandemic. The act includes direct financial assistance to Americans; aid to small businesses and employees; efforts to stabilize the economy and keep people employed; and additional support for healthcare professionals, patients, and hospitals. In another Covid-19 Main Street Interactive Town Hall, we discuss the Cares Act with Michelle Kommer, commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Commerce; and Eric Hardmeyer, president of the Bank of North Dakota, which is actively involved with relief efforts. Record your story or question in advance at 701-428-1686, or email [mainstreet@prairiepublic.org](mailto:mainstreet@prairiepublic.org), or call 888-755-6377 during the 3pm live show. Our Covid-19 Town Hall series is sponsored by the North Dakota Blue Cross Blue Shield Caring Foundation.

**5278 - Wednesday, April 29, 2020 – 1-hour format**

The pandemic is impacting us on levels we might not even be aware of. As part of our Covid-19 Interactive Town Hall series, we focus on mental and behavioral health. Pamela Sagness is the director of the Behavioral Health Division of the North Dakota Department of Human Services. She'll share statewide resources. Also joining us is therapist and owner of Journey Counseling, Gail Nelson. She specializes in couple's therapy and teaches disaster mental health classes.