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Written By: Jeremy Turley | Jan 15th 2021 - 5pm.

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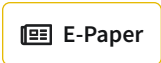
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BISMARCK — North Dakota's statewide mask mandate will expire at 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 18, as COVID-19 cases continue to drop in the state.

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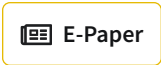
The Republican governor said the state still strongly encourages residents to wear masks in public, noting that "the science doesn't change when the mandate goes away." Burgum also acknowledged that residents should continue to comply with local mask mandates, like one that Fargo leaders recently [extended until mid-February](#).

The statewide mandate originally [went into effect](#) on Nov. 14 when North Dakota was in the midst of the worst COVID-19 outbreak in the country. After [months of hesitance](#), Burgum said a severe



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particle. The virus surface (blue) is covered with spike proteins (red) that enable the virus to enter and infect human cells. National Institutes of Health

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vaccine at the former Gordmans store in Fargo on Friday, Feb. 5. David Samson / The Forum

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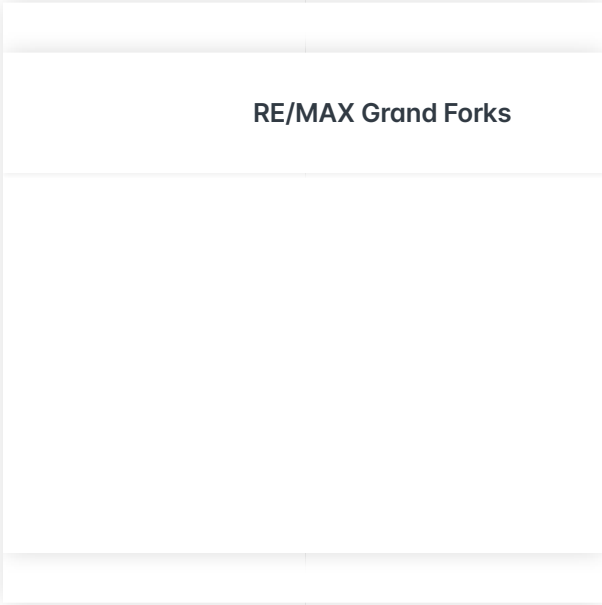
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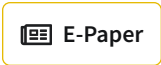
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