March 26, 2020

With the ongoing concerns surrounding the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, the Talbot County Council is asking everyone who is present in Talbot County to please take the directives from President Trump, Maryland Governor Hogan and the Talbot County Council seriously. Please close non-essential businesses and do not gather in groups larger than ten (10) persons.

We urge any visitors and any individuals returning to their homes here in the County to take the precaution of self-quarantining for at least fourteen (14) days to prevent the spread of the virus into this community. As you may know, President Trump and Governor Hogan are specifically requiring that all individuals coming to Maryland from, or that have recently visited the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut, to quarantine in place and limit contact with others for at least fourteen (14) days.

In addition, Talbot County is urging all short-term rental license holders and all hotels and bed and breakfasts to immediately suspend all future rental operations. We are asking that all such short-term rental owners and all hotels and bed and breakfasts to place a copy of this letter requesting that visitors self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days on the doors of their properties until the Governor lifts the state of emergency here in Maryland.

For those in the area, local restaurants are limited to carry-out, drive-thru and delivery services. Some local grocery stores and pharmacies are offering delivery/pick up services.

Please continue to take extra precautions to limit contact with others.

• Social distancing - Maintain a minimum of six (6) feet between persons.
• Sanitizing - Wash hands carefully and frequently. Clean areas and surfaces with sanitizer.

For additional information on State and local Orders, Proclamations and resources, please visit www.talbotcovid19.org. For information relating to this letter, please contact the Department of Planning and Zoning at 410-770-8030.

We appreciate your assistance in keeping the citizens of Talbot County safe and healthy during these extraordinary times.

Sincerely,
COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY

Corey W. Pack, President