

# COVID-19 Update

Talbot County Emergency Services  
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<https://health.maryland.gov/talbotcounty/>

## Key Points for March 28

- ✓ In the past 24 hours, Maryland added 218 new cases, increasing the total number to 992 in the state of Maryland. Two of the new cases are in Talbot County.
- ✓ Officials are preparing for a sharp increase daily for the next two weeks.
- ✓ Home daycare providers can be licensed to provide shelter to the children of essential personnel. The Maryland State Department of Education website lists those already approved.
- ✓ Daycare centers not providing services to essential personnel have been ordered to close, effective March 27.
- ✓ Union Baptist Church at 233 Glenwood Avenue in Easton will host a drive-thru food distribution on Tuesday beginning at 9 a.m

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## COVID-19 Cases Continue to Rise, Two Test Positive in Talbot County

On Saturday, Health Officer Dr. Fredia Wadley reported two new cases of COVID-19 in Talbot County, neither of whom has been hospitalized.

One is an individual in their 70s who has visited New York and is suspected of being infected there. The second is an individual in their late 20s with no known contact source or travel history. The contacts of both individuals were notified late Friday afternoon and have been ordered to quarantine themselves and report any symptoms.

Gov. Larry Hogan has asked all individuals coming into the state from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to quarantine themselves for 14 days. Dr. Wadley reports that she will provide quarantine letters to any individuals arriving in Talbot County from a high COVID-19 incidence area. Fines can be assessed if the quarantine is broken.

The Talbot County Council took the additional step of asking hotels, bed-and-breakfasts, and vacation rentals to voluntarily suspend bookings.

“As new cases are reported, people have become more and more concerned about those who may be new or visiting our area,” says Council President Corey Pack. “It’s very important that we all remind each other about the importance of social distancing in a kind and gentle way. We are simply asking people who have traveled from areas experiencing high infection numbers to separate themselves for 14 days.”

As the number of cases in Maryland continues to rise, Talbot County Director of Emergency Services Clay Stamp says Talbot County is ready to respond. “As more people are tested, we will likely see an increase in the number of cases in Talbot County,” Stamp explains. “We have spent the past two weeks preparing, and we have the capacity in our healthcare system to handle new cases. We are prepared.”

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## Food Distribution Update

Union Baptist Church at 233 Glenwood Ave., Easton, MD 21601 is having a drive-thru food distribution on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. The distribution will begin at 9am and end when food runs out. Talbot County residents only. Proof of residency may be required.

Line up on Glenwood near entrance to church. DO NOT get out of your car. You will need to complete form given on site and a picture of form will be take to limit contact. Please clear your trunk so food can be loaded without you exiting your vehicle.

Call the Talbot Food Resource Line with questions - 410-770-5515 or email [talbotlct@talbotcountymd.gov](mailto:talbotlct@talbotcountymd.gov).

## Where to Find More Information

- **CDC COVID-2019 Website:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **Talbot County COVID-19 Information** [www.talbotcovid19.org](http://www.talbotcovid19.org)
- **Shore Regional Health COVID Information** <https://www.umms.org/shore/patients-visitors/coronavirus>
- **Maryland Department of Health Website:** <https://health.maryland.gov/pages/home.aspx>
- **Talbot County Health Department Website:** <https://health.maryland.gov/talbotcounty/Pages/home.aspx>
- **Talbot County Health Department Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/TalbotHealthMaryland/>
- **Talbot County Department of Emergency Services Website:** <http://www.talbotdes.org/default.asp>
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