# COVID-19 Update

**Key Points for April 24**

- ✓ In the past 24 hours, Maryland reported 879 new cases, bringing the statewide total to 16,616.
- ✓ Talbot County now has 32 confirmed COVID-19 cases with four added in the past 24 hours. All four cases were the contacts of a known case who were already quarantined.
- ✓ Of Maryland's 725 deaths, 328 have occurred in long-term care facilities.
- ✓ The University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton discharged seven patients who are recovering from a COVID-19 infection.
- ✓ After evaluating surge capacity, hospital officials have elected not to activate the medical facility at Chesapeake College as an overflow unit for COVID-19 patients at this time.
- ✓ The Chapel District Elementary School will be the site of a drive-thru food distribution on Monday, April 27 beginning at 10 a.m.

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### Restaurants Lend a Helping Hand to Frontline Workers and Those in Need

Many Talbot County restaurants, themselves hard hit by the shutdown caused by the coronavirus, are pitching in to feed the community. In most cases, helping them do this charitable work and keeping these businesses afloat is as simple as ordering take-out, though some are also collecting donations for their charitable work.

Chris Agharabi of Ava's Pizzeria & Wine Bar, Theo's Steakhouse, and Hammy's in St. Michaels has organized more than 20 of his fellow restaurateurs to provide meals to healthcare and other essential workers as part of the Feed The Front – Maryland Eastern Shore initiative. This program mobilizes individuals and businesses to donate meals to essential workers and medical personnel and shows appreciation to those on the front line in the battle against COVID-19.

The Inn at Perry Cabin, also supports local first responders and their families with their First Friday Food initiative and has now teamed up with Feed the Front on Maryland's Eastern Shore to expand their reach.

Each week Jordan Lloyd, executive chef at the Wylder Hotel, feeds restaurant workers and their families who have lost their jobs because of the pandemic through his recently launched Family Meal program. Lloyd, who also owns the Bartlett Pear Inn, uses ingredients sourced by local farmers, who've also been hurt during this shutdown. In addition, Lloyd regularly provides meals to area shelters.

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Ryan and Emily Groll of Eat Sprout have long been feeding those in need, but when COVID-19 hit, they started Feeding Our Community, a program that provides Talbot County residents with healthy meals made from locally sourced ingredients. In addition to first responders, YMCA staff and hospice workers, Eat Sprout is delivering meals to food pantries and vulnerable families in need.

Bombay Tadka continues to feed entire floors of the hospital free of charge. Plus, the Indian restaurant offers free "Good Karma" special platters (large enough for two) daily to anyone in need. There are no questions asked of anyone requesting a free meal.

Every Thursday Four Sisters Pakistan and Indian Food Truck and Halal Meat & Groceries provides free meals upon request. This small family of female entrepreneurs is always on premises and has a no-questions asked policy when customers place an order.

Snifter's Craft Beer and Wine Bistro has been providing meals to the 9-1-1 Center in Easton. Owner Joe Petro recently launched a new program, where the restaurant's kitchen will feed those most in need throughout Talbot County, including at homeless shelters and senior centers. The restaurant will match every dollar donated.

Bluepoint Hospitality, which operates Sunflower & Greens, Bas Rouge, Bumble Bee Juice, The Stewart, Weather Gage and Bonheur Pie & Ice Cream, has donated 2,000 masks to healthcare workers at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton and continues to donate meals, bread and desserts to frontline hospital workers.

Chesapeake Landing Restaurant has helped feed those working at the St. Michaels Police Station, Talbot County EMS crews, and the 9-1-1 Center in Easton. Additionally, the restaurant provided a shift of hospital workers boxed lunches.

Subway, Olive Garden, and Applebee's Grill and Bar supply weekly meals to the Talbot Interfaith Homeless Shelter in Easton. Hill's Café and Juice Bar provides groceries each week for the eight families who live on premises. Wawa supplies sandwiches weekly to the Neighborhood Service Center, which provides food service to low-income and elderly residents of Talbot County.

Food (and drink) service businesses that are helping the St. Michaels Community Center, which serves the most vulnerable population in the Bay Hundred area, by providing food and supplies include: Gourmet By the Bay, Blue Heron Coffee, Carpenter Street Saloon, Lyon Distilling and Simpatico.

If you know of others helping the community, email the Emergency Operations Center at eoc@talbotdes.org.


**Talbot County Public Schools.**

The next TCPS meal distribution will be on Tuesday, April 28 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at all school sites. Sodexo is now providing frozen food items that will require refrigerated storage and reheating. If you are unable to pick up meals and need emergency delivery, please call Crystal Miller at 443-432-5091.

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**Many thanks to Doug Kirby and the team at Washington Street Pub** for placing an order from Sysco to support this week's CarePacks! Most Sysco items are bulk packaged, so Doug and his crew took the time to break down the bulk items in the Pub kitchen and repackage them to be distributed to families. Once again, our amazing community steps up!

The TCPS Instructional Technology Help Desk will be open on Tuesday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and Friday May 1 from noon - 3:00 p.m. at Easton High School and St. Michaels Elementary School. Please email helpdesk@talbotschools.org for virtual support or to schedule a help desk appointment for iPads or laptops. TCPS encourages parents to wear masks/cloth face coverings during meal pickups or IT Help Desk visits to help fight the spread of COVID-19.

Help us celebrate the Class of 2020! We are asking our Seniors and their families to share photos of themselves wearing gear and/or holding signs to celebrate their commitments to college, career, or the military to post on the TCPS Facebook page. Photos can be emailed to dgardner@talbotschools.org.

"This week I met with the Class of 2020 graduation committee, which includes student representatives, members of the Board of Education and Administrators," said Dr. Kelly Griffith, Superintendent. "I was so impressed with the creative and innovative ideas that the students shared during our meeting. We are formulating a detailed plan, so stay tuned for more information from building principals."

**Talbot County Library**

**Library Shares Help with Getting Started with Video Chat**

As the Coronavirus outbreak continues to interrupt our normal routines, we've turned toward the Internet and video chatting services to help keep us stay connected with friends and family. As video chatting has become increasingly popular, the Library has rounded up some resources to help you get started.

Your preferred solution for video chat may depend on what devices you have available, whether you are already familiar with one of the platforms offering video chat features, the number of people who can video chat at once on a given platform, privacy or security concerns, and available features.

TechCrunch has a recent article at https://techcrunch.com/2020/03/23/the-best-video-chat-apps-to-turn-social-distancing-into-distant-socializing/ that discusses pros and cons of a variety of video chat options.

Once you've identified one or two products that may meet your needs and those of the people you want to communicate with, the next step is learning how to get started using them.
We hope the following guides and tutorials we've found may prove helpful to you in that process.

WhatsApp - https://faq.whatsapp.com/

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Tutorials:
https://faq.whatsapp.com/en/android/26000026?category=5245237  and https://faq.whatsapp.com/en/android/26000026?category=5245237

FaceTime –  https://apps.apple.com/us/app/facetime/id1110145091
Tutorials:  https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204380

Google Duo –  https://support.google.com/duo/?hl=en#topic=6376099
Tutorials:  https://support.google.com/duo/answer/6386089

Google Hangouts –  https://support.google.com/hangouts/?hl=en#topic=6386410
Tutorials:  https://support.google.com/hangouts/answer/2944865

Skype – https://support.skype.com/en/skype/all/
Tutorials:  https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaLRbjVhH6kJHzsHZFnV6l0EkSoIBBq8h

Zoom –  https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806-Top-Questions
Tutorials:  https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials

Facebook Messenger –  https://www.facebook.com/help/messenger-app/
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Food Distribution – April 27, 2020 – Cordova

## Drive-Thru Food Distribution for the Community

**Monday, April 27, 2020**

10am – until food is gone

**Chapel District Elementary School**

11430 Cordova Rd.

Cordova, MD 21625

**Talbot Residents Only**

DO NOT get out of your car. You will need to complete form given on site and a picture of form will be taken through closed window to limit contact. Please clear your trunk so food can be loaded without you exiting your car.

No walk-ups allowed

For more information contact 410-770-5515 or email talbotlct@talbotcountymd.gov.

This is not the TCPS Student meal distribution.

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**Where to Find More Information**

- o **CDC COVID-2019 Website:** https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- o **Talbot County COVID-19 Information** **www.talbotcovid19.org**
- o **Shore Regional Health COVID Information** **https://www.umms.org/shore/patients-visitors/coronavirus**
- o **Maryland Department of Health Website:** https://health.maryland.gov/pages/home.aspx
- o **Talbot County Health Department Website:** https://health.maryland.gov/talbotcounty/Pages/home.aspx
- o **Maryland COVID-19 Website:** https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus