

# COVID-19 Update

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## Key Points for May 4

- ✓ In the past 24 hours, Maryland reported 946 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the statewide total to 26,408.
- ✓ The state also added 34 deaths for a total of 1,216 deaths in Maryland. Long-term care facilities accounted for 593 or 48.8% of Maryland's deaths.
- ✓ Maryland also had 148 new hospitalizations for 5,199 total hospitalizations during the pandemic.
- ✓ To date, 111,587 people in Maryland have been tested at least once with a negative result. This number may not include all results from private labs.
- ✓ Talbot County now has 47 COVID-19 cases.
- ✓ University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton is completing installation of a 10-bed modular tent and is considering whether to add a 50-bed tent.
- ✓ May 4-8 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Talbot County Public School administrators will be placing signs in the yards of Talbot County teachers to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

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## Stabilizing the Number of COVID-19 Cases Key to Reopening

There is a glimmer of hope in today's COVID-19 numbers, say Dr. Fredia Wadley, Health Officer for Talbot County.

"The numbers for hospitalizations are holding steady, and the number of deaths from COVID-19 have decreased slightly," she notes. "Only two new cases were reported in the poultry industry over the weekend. These numbers are encouraging."

Still, law enforcement officials report an increasing volume in the number of complaints about those who are violating the governor's orders. The lure to be outside in the warm spring weather is more than some people can resist.

"We all want to get out of the house, but the governor's stay-at-home order is still in effect," Dr. Wadley notes. "And while the numbers are encouraging, we have not fully stopped the spread of the COVID-19 virus."

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If you have to be out and about, we urge you to use all of the recommended precautions, including wearing a mask. It's the smart thing to do."

Talbot County is beginning to develop its recovery plan, says County Council President Corey Pack, but he too urges caution. "We are asking people to hold the line for a little bit longer," he says. "We don't want to see a spike in cases that will delay reopening and overwhelm our healthcare system."

It's important to take this time to make a plan for how we will implement the measures that we know keep people safe, says Director of Emergency Services Clay Stamp. "In Emergency Management, we have an old saying: 'Make the plan, work the plan.'

"This is the perfect opportunity for us to work together to figure out how to implement the things we've learned about social distancing and other preventive measures," he continues. "The time we spend now will determine how successful we are together and individually at protecting the health and safety of Talbot County and its residents."

## Talbot County Public Schools

TCPS meals will be distributed Tuesday, May 5 and Friday, May 8 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at all school sites. Sodexo is now providing frozen food items that 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.

On Friday, May 1, TCPS distributed 7,872 meals and snacks (food for 2 days for 896 children) and 375 CarePacks.

The TCPS Instructional Technology Help Desk will be open on Tuesday, May 5 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and Friday, May 8 from noon - 3:00 p.m. at Easton High School and St. Michaels Elementary School. Please send an email to [helpdesk@talbotschools.org](mailto: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. Please email photos to [dgardner@talbotschools.org](mailto:dgardner@talbotschools.org).

Later this week our graduating Seniors will be picking up their caps and gowns at their respective schools. This is a drive through pick up so families are asked to remember and respect the social distancing order. The high school Administrators have sent detailed plans to the seniors and their families for next week's graduation filming and we look forward to this innovative recognition for our graduates.

Help us celebrate the Class of 2020! Please continue to share photos of graduating seniors wearing gear and/or holding signs to celebrate their commitments to college, career, or the military by emailing them to their guidance counselors or to [dgardner@talbotschools.org](mailto:dgardner@talbotschools.org).

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This week is also Teacher Appreciation Week, and we are so grateful to our teachers for their flexibility, creativity and determination during this very challenging time. “Throughout the week our Leadership Team is delivering yard signs that say “Teaching Rockstar” to every teacher, because that’s what they really are,” said Dr. Kelly Griffith, Superintendent. “Many of them are teaching their own children while they are teaching everyone else’s. We are committed to celebrating our profession and working to keep spirits high during this difficult time. If you are able to, please take a moment to thank our teachers for all that they do!”

## Food Distribution

### Drive-Thru Food Distributions for the Community



**WHEN:**  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**  
9am – 11am  
&  
**Saturday, May 16, 2020**  
9am – 11am

**WHERE:**  
**Elks Lodge**  
502 Dutchman’s Lane  
Easton, MD 21601

**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 [talbotct@talbotcountymd.gov](mailto:talbotct@talbotcountymd.gov).

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## 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>
- **Maryland COVID-19 Website:** <https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus>