

# COVID-19 Update

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## Key Points for May 6

- ✓ Maryland reported 1,046 new COVID-19 cases in the past 24 hours, bringing the number of statewide cases to 28,163.
- ✓ The state has added 160 new hospitalizations for a total of 5,497, and 48 additional deaths for 1,038 total. Long-term care facilities account for 719 of the COVID-19 deaths.
- ✓ Talbot County's number of confirmed COVID-19 cases rose to 50.
- ✓ YMCA locations in Easton and St. Michaels collected more than 3,000 pounds of food for local food pantries.
- ✓ Volunteers distributed 11,796 pounds of food to 546 people at the Elks Club in Easton. Some 46% were unemployed and many had never before taken advantage of these services.
- ✓ University of Maryland Shore Regional Medical Center at Easton is constructing a 50-bed modular tent on campus to further expand surge capacity. "We've put a lot of effort into planning for what could happen," says CEO Ken Kozel. "We are ready for a potential surge in cases as we reopen."

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## **Virus vs. Unemployment: Businesses and Customers Share Responsibility for a Safe Reopening**

People around Talbot County are anxious to get out of the house and return to business as usual. But is this a realistic expectation?

"Whether we reopen today, next week, or next month, we should recognize that we are reopening earlier than we had planned," says Dr. Fredia Wadley, Health Officer for Talbot County. "The threat from COVID-19 will still be present, but it is clear that we must find a way to balance health and safety with the economic realities of job loss and a wounded economy."

To balance the impact of virus versus unemployment, jurisdictions around the country are slowly opening with the hope that citizens and businesses both will take precautions. While Talbot County officials have begun to plan for a gradual reopening, they acknowledge that much of the direction about what is allowed will ultimately come from Gov. Larry Hogan. When that day arrives, both businesses and customers will share the

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responsibility for keeping people safe.

“Businesses need to be open to survive, but must accept the responsibility for implementing best practices to keep customers and employees as safe as possible from COVID-19,” Dr. Wadley stresses. “Many of our businesses are already looking at national guidelines about safe practices and using them to restructure their operations during this pandemic.”

While customers may chafe at the on-going restrictions, they bear the responsibility for their own actions and for helping keep the entire community safe.

“Some people are not willing to help protect the community by following safety precautions, but there are not enough police officers in the world to enforce appropriate behavior of individuals,” Dr. Wadley notes.

“Although local law enforcement and the Health Department will continue to try to enforce executive orders, each of us has to take some responsibility in protecting ourselves” she continues. “This means practicing physical distancing, using proper hand hygiene, wearing face coverings, and carefully selecting the places we go. Reopening does not have to greatly increase the spread of the COVID -19 virus if individuals and businesses take the precautions available to them.”

## **Talbot County Public Schools**

TCPS meals and CarePacks will be distributed 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 Tuesday, May 5, TCPS distributed 8,556 meals and snacks (food for 3 days for 713 children). The volunteer support for this continues to be outstanding.

The TCPS Instructional Technology Help Desk will be open on 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.

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. We are asking families to respect the guidelines that have been set based on Governor Hogan's existing "Stay at Home" order and on directives we have received from law enforcement.

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).

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week, and we are so grateful to our teachers for their flexibility, creativity and determination during this very challenging time. "As this is also National Nurses' Week, I'd like to give a

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shout-out to all nurses,” said Dr. Kelly Griffith, Superintendent. “Now more than ever we appreciate their dedication to caring for patients under any and all circumstances, even when it puts their own health at risk.”

## Talbot County Library

The Talbot County Free Library will be offering more online adult programming while we are closed to the public. Programs coming up include:

1. The Talbot County Free Library partnered with the Talbot Spy to do a program with local author Casey Cep. Check out our very own "Library Guy" Bill Peak's Zoom interview with author Casey Cep at <https://talbotspy.org/the-library-guy-new-yorker-writer-casey-cep-on-dorothy-day/> about her recent *New Yorker* article “Dorothy Day’s Radical Faith.” In the piece, Cep writes about the life and legacy of the Catholic writer and activist, whom some hope will be made a saint. Special thanks to Dave Wheelan and The Talbot Spy for facilitating the interview.
2. Talbot County Master Gardeners Partners with Talbot County Free Library to Present Virtual May Mythbusters May 7, 14, 21, 28, 5 p.m.  
Join UMD Extension Educator Mikaela Boley every Thursday in May at 5 p.m. on Facebook Live to get real-time information on common garden myths. Make science-based decisions and ask questions live!

## Do You Need Help During COVID-19?

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



*Are you experiencing physical, emotional, and/or verbal abuse?*

*Is the abuse escalating - becoming more frequent or more violent?*

COVID-19 is not an excuse for abuse.

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence is Open for Business 24/7/365

You are not alone.  
Call us at 1-800-927-4673 or  
Chat with us at [www.msfcv.org](http://www.msfcv.org)

**CALL 1-800-927-4673  
TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP  
TO A SAFER LIFE**

### MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS & SEXUAL ASSAULT



*Are you or a family member experiencing depression, anxiety, or stress?*

*Have you experienced sexual assault or rape?*

For All Seasons offers mental health services to individuals (all ages), families, and couples:

- Therapy or psychiatry through telehealth or in-person appointments
- Crisis and urgent care appointments
- 24-Hour rape crisis response, counseling and support

[forallseasonsinc.org](http://forallseasonsinc.org) | 410-822-1018

**24-HR HOTLINES  
Sexual Assault or Mental Health Crisis:**  
English Hotline: 410-820-5600  
Spanish Hotline: 410-829-6143  
Text in English & Spanish: 410-829-6143

### COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



Talbot County Department of Social Services

*Are you worried about the safety or well-being of a child in your neighborhood?*

*Do you have an elderly or vulnerable neighbor who needs help?*

*Do you need emergency cash assistance to pay bills or purchase food? (eligibility requirements apply)*

*Do you need help with child support?*

**HELP IS AVAILABLE. CALL TODAY.  
410-770-4848**

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## ¿Necesitas ayuda durante COVID-19?

### VIOLENCIA DOMESTICA



¿Está Ud. Experimentando abuso físico, emocional o verbal?

¿Está aumentando el abuso, o esta siendo cada vez este más frecuente o más violento?

COVID-19 no es una excusa para el abuso.

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence está abierto 24/7/365

No estás solo.

LLámenos al 1-800-927-4673 o Chatea con nosotros en [www.msfcv.org](http://www.msfcv.org)

LLÁME AL 1-800-927-4673  
PARA DAR EL SIGUIENTE PASO  
A UNA VIDA MÁS SEGURA

### CRISIS DE SALUD MENTAL Y ASALTO SEXUAL



¿Usted o un miembro de su familia experimenta depresión, ansiedad o estrés?

¿Has experimentado agresión sexual o violación?

For All Seasons ofrece servicios de salud mental a personas de (todas las edades), familias y parejas:

- Terapia o psiquiatría a través de tele-salud o citas en persona.
- Citas de atención urgentes
- Asesoramiento y apoyo en caso de crisis por una violación las 24 horas.

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**LÍNEAS DE AYUDA LAS 24 HORAS**

Agresión sexual o crisis de salud mental:  
Línea de ayuda en inglés: 410-820-5600  
Línea de ayuda en español: 410-829-6143  
Mensajes de texto en inglés y español: 410-829-6143

### PROGRAMAS DE ASISTENCIA COMUNITARIA



Departamento de Servicios Sociales del Condado de Talbot

¿Estas preocupado por la seguridad y el bienestar de un niño en tu vecindario?

¿Conoces algún anciano o un vecino vulnerable que necesita ayuda?

¿Necesitas asistencia de dinero de emergencia para pagar cuentas o comprar comida?  
(aplican requisitos para elegibilidad)

¿Necesitas ayuda con la manutención infantil?

LA AYUDA ESTÁ DISPONIBLE. LLAMA HOY.  
410-770-4848

## 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>