

COVID-19 Update

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

Key Points for May 13

- ✓ Maryland reported 751 new COVID-19 cases in the past 24 hours, bringing the statewide number to 34,812.
- ✓ There are 63 positive cases in Talbot County with 39 of those cases having recovered.
- ✓ Governor Hogan has enacted Stage I of the Recovery Plan.
- ✓ University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton and Choptank Community Health Systems are expanding their testing capabilities throughout the mid-shore region.

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Governor Announces Stage I Reopening for Maryland Businesses

In his Wednesday afternoon press conference, Gov. Larry Hogan paved the way for reopening many of the state's small businesses and faith-based organizations.

Maryland has been under a stay-at-home order since March 30. Effective at 5 p.m. on Friday, the order will be lifted and businesses will begin reopening. Small retail stores may reopen at 50% capacity and with safety measures in place, along with churches and houses of worship. Some personal services also will be allowed to open at 50% capacity, by appointment only.

Hogan cautioned residents to remain vigilant about stemming the spread of the virus. Those who are older and who have compromised immune systems were advised to stay at home as much as possible. He also strongly encouraged the use of facial coverings in indoor public areas.

"Like the governor, I am hopeful that this stage will go well and we can quickly open other businesses," says Talbot County Council President Corey Pack, "But we must continue to take precautions to keep our residents, businesses, and workers safe."

Talbot County Health Officer Dr. Fredia Wadley agrees. "The COVID-19 virus is more dangerous now. But we are confident that by using some simple preventive measures we can slow the spread of this virus. We will continue to do everything we can to keep Talbot County safe and to work with our businesses so they can operate in a safe and effective way."

Though the governor's Stage I reopening plan offers a hope to Talbot County's business community, Emergency Services Director Clay Stamp says we still have a long way to go before daily lives return to normal.

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“We must continue promoting the use of safety measures for both individuals and our businesses to ensure a balance between getting people out but in a safe manner and helping some of our businesses and their teams get back to work,” he says. “We must remember: this is a marathon, not a sprint.”

Talbot County Public Schools

TCPS meals and CarePacks will be distributed Friday, May 15 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 12, TCPS distributed 6300 meals and snacks, providing food for 700 children.

The TCPS Instructional Technology Help Desk will be open on Friday, May 15 from noon - 3:00 p.m. at BOTH Easton High School and St. Michaels Elementary School. Please send an email to 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 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.

“Our graduating seniors and their families are truly making the most of their Alternative Graduation” said Dr. Kelly Griffith, Superintendent. “I have been very impressed by their spirit, enthusiasm, perseverance and GRIT, and am so proud and grateful. Please Stay Tuned, Stay Healthy, and Stay Hopeful!”

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Food Distribution

Drive-Thru Food Distributions for the Community



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.

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

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New Zion United
Methodist Church

Drive-Thru Food Distribution for the Community

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

10am – until food is gone

Chapel District Elementary School

11430 Cordova Rd.
Cordova, MD 21625

Talbot Residents Only



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This is not the TCPS Student meal distribution.

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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
- **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>