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Key Points for July 29

✓ Maryland has added 761 new COVID-19 cases in the past 24 hours, bringing the statewide total to 86,285. The state has seen a slight increase in cases in the past week.
✓ Talbot County added one new case in the past 24 hours for a total of 322 confirmed COVID-19 cases. The county's positivity rate is 4.7%
✓ The virus is beginning to affect younger people, with 17.8% of the cases occurring in ages 0-19 years.
✓ A new testing site at Chesapeake College will open on August 3 and will operate on Mondays and Wednesdays. More information on this testing site will be forth coming.

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Talbot County Council Adopts Civil Penalties for Failure to Wear Masks

Those who refuse to wear masks in Talbot County, or who violate Gov. Larry Hogan's orders for safely operating businesses, may soon pay a hefty fine.

On Tuesday, July 28, the Talbot County Council agreed in a 4-1 vote to reinforce Gov. Hogan's Executive Orders by imposing an additional civil fine of up to $1,000 for those who fail to wear face masks. The same penalty applies to businesses that violate the governor's directives on how to safely open businesses.

"These measures take effect immediately," says Council President Corey Pack. "We are working to keep everyone as safe as possible and are continuing to closely follow the governor's Maryland Strong Roadmap to Recovery."

The Council considered a variety of legislative measures designed to address Talbot County's escalating number of COVID-19 cases. Health Officer Dr. Fredia Wadley had recommended that the Council consider limiting the number of people allowed at both indoor and outdoor gatherings, imposing civil penalties on those cited for refusing to wear a mask, and empowering the Liquor Board to suspend the liquor license of violators.

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Dr. Wadley was adamant that the nature of the virus warrants additional measures. ""When you are talking about a virus like COVID-19, there is no safe number," Dr. Wadley stresses. "It's where do you want to set the number?"

Though Council members debated the notion of establishing limits on the number of people who can attend both indoor and outdoor events, they were unable to come to agreement on an acceptable number. Legislation to address this and other measures was tabled until the August 11 Council meeting when additional information can be obtained.

"As much as we all want to wish the virus away, that won't happen," says Emergency Services Director Clay Stamp. "This fight is akin to riding a roller coaster. Its ups and downs, twists and turns make it difficult to maintain a balance. Yet we know that those in our community who are engaged in leadership are committed, engaged, and open. We can and we will prevail if we commit each day to work together and to care for each other."

Food Distribution

Drive-Thru Food Distribution for the Community

Saturday, August 1, 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.

<u>No walk-ups allowed</u>

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Talbot County Public Schools

Special Board of Education Meeting Thursday, July 30 at Talbot County Education Center. Agenda items include: TCPS Recovery Plan - School Opening Recommendations for the 2020-21 School Year and the 2020-21 School Calendar. Meeting will be closed to the public but streamed live. Click link to view agenda and live stream https://talbotschools-md.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1&fbclid=IwAR1RD6cQWsNSQQ90xz3OszY7XpZa1fp4j3alzOeHFVvlJAXGDz62hxiS6Zw

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