

# COVID-19 Update

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## Talbot County COVID-19 Cases On The Rise Again

After two days of lower figures, Talbot County's numbers rose again on Thursday, August 6, adding nine new cases, and another six cases on Friday, August 7.

One component of the increase is an outbreak at a local nursing home. "This outbreak is a priority concern at the moment," says Talbot County Health Officer Dr. Fredia Wadley. "There has also been one confirmed case reported at an assisted living facility. Testing of all staff and residents at the nursing home has occurred and will take place for the assisted living facility. Admissions are not allowed until the outbreaks are controlled."

State contact tracing data also shows that family gatherings, including house parties and weddings, has also contributed to the spread of the virus. "This does not mean that they were infected at these sites, but this data indicates these gatherings pose a higher risk for the infection," Dr. Wadley explains.

Complaints have increased about local bars allowing crowding, with people standing around with no masks and customers purchasing drinks at the bar against the Governor's Order. "We will be making visits during the day, after hours, and on weekends," Dr. Wadley stresses. "We will suspend their food permit license if the complaints are verified."

These trends could also be linked to rising cases in those under 20 years of age. Initially, the cumulative percent was 7-8% of total cases, but new cases for this age group are now 16.8% of the total cases.

The Talbot County Health Department continues to operate a testing site at the Easton High School Parking Lot on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call (410) 819-5632 to schedule an appointment. There is also a free testing site at Chesapeake College that operates Mondays and Wednesdays by Shore Regional Health from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This site is to serve all the Mid-Shore counties.

For more information on Talbot County's response to the COVID-19 health crisis, visit [TalbotCovid19.org](http://TalbotCovid19.org). You can also find more information on Facebook at Talbot County COVID-19. You can also check the Talbot County Health Department website for Updates by the Health Officer <https://health.maryland.gov/talbotcounty/Pages/home.aspx>

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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>