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Talbot County Emergency Services
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Talbot County Health Department
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https://health.maryland.gov/talbotcounty/

Key Points for May 29

- ✓ In the past 24 hours, Maryland reported 1,279 new COVID-19 cases and 41 deaths, bringing the statewide totals to 50,988 and 2,348 respectively.
- ✓ Talbot County now has 88 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 5 being new cases in the past 24 hours. Talbot County now has 2 deaths.
- ✓ The Emergency Operations Center has been activated for 78 days and now has nine working groups that are addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ The Emergency Operations Center, alongside the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Talbot County Health Officer, is working diligently to support the business community with an upcoming grant program and guidance reflecting the reopening of restaurants.
- ✓ There are multiple food distributions next week. You can find more information at www.talbotcovid19.org/food-reousrces/

For Immediate Release
May 29, 2020

Talbot County Opens CARES Individual Assistance Program

The Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) established under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocated $6.4 million to Talbot County. Guidelines state that one-half of these funds are to be spent on health-related expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the other half to be used for non-health related purposes such as expenditures of County departments and municipalities for COVID-19 work including the cost of running the Emergency Operations Center, providing sheltering for children of essential workers, enhanced food distribution, as well as assisting small businesses and individuals impacted by COVID-19. Talbot County is designating $1 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds through the CARES Act to assist individuals.

The County has announced that Talbot County residents can now apply for the County's CARES Individual Assistance Program, which provides emergency assistance for individuals who are out of work or whose income has been reduced because of the COVID-19 public health emergency. CARES assistance can help with rent, mortgage, or other housing costs, utilities, and other emergency needs, and payments are made directly

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to the landlord, mortgage company, utility company, or other vendors. Talbot County residents who are unable to meet an expense between March 16, 2020, and December 30, 2020, because of the current COVID-19 public health emergency, may apply for CARES Individual Assistance.

Corey Pack, President of the Talbot County Council, comments, "The CARES Act was passed by Congress to provide economic assistance for workers, families, and small businesses, and preserve jobs. Some of these funds were distributed to the States and then to local governments. We have set up a CARES Individual Assistance Program to address the needs of individuals affected by COVID-19. Information will be forthcoming for how businesses may get assistance from these funds."
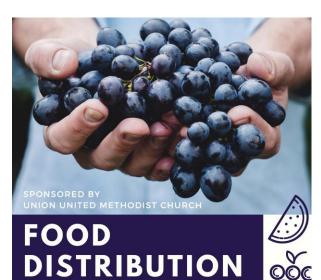
Angela Lane, Talbot County Director of Finance, has been working with Linda Webb, Director of the Talbot County Department of Social Services, the agency which will process the applications for Talbot County to develop a streamlined process for individuals to apply for funds through a simple one-page application. Although the Talbot County Department of Social Services is still closed to the public to slow the spread of COVID-19, applications can be obtained by calling 410-820-4347 and leaving a message including a phone number. Phone calls will be returned by the next business day and applications can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to applicants. Applications are also available at the Neighborhood Service Center at 126 Port Street in Easton, (410-822-5015) and St. Vincent de Paul Society at 29533 Canvasback Drive in Easton (410-770-4505).

"By having the Department of Social Services case managers process the applications for the CARES Individual Assistance Program, they can also suggest support programs for which the individual or family may be eligible as additional wraparound services. The requirements for the CARES Act assistance are less stringent than most other Department of Social Services assistance programs. The CARES funds will be important support that will help families impacted by the pandemic meet their obligations," states Webb.

Once completed, applications can be mailed to, or placed in the drop box at, the Talbot County Department of Social Services, 301 Bay Street, Unit 5, Easton, MD 21601 or faxed to 410-820-7117 or emailed to talbot.customer@maryland.gov.

For more information on the CARES Individual Assistance Program, individuals should call 410-820-4347 and leave a message, including a phone number. Phone calls will be returned by the next business day.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION

SPONSORED BY
UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020
9:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

ST. MICHAELS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
100 SEYMOUR AVENUE, ST. MICHAELS, MD

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 talbotlct@talbotcountymd.gov.

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR THE COMMUNITY

25 lb USDA produce boxes in addition to meat and shelf stable items available for each household!

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020
10 AM - 12 PM

NEW ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
9123 TILGHMAN ISLAND ROAD
WITTMAN, MD 21676

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

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NEW ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Talbot County Residents Only

Saturday, June 6, 2020   9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Chapel District Elementary
11430 Cordova Road
Cordova, MD 21625

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.

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https://talbotcovid19.org/food-resources/ (more)

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SNAP Benefits

FAQ | SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE WITH YOUR SNAP BENEFITS

DID YOU NOW? You can now use your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to shop online for fresh produce and groceries? Participating online stores now accept SNAP benefits for online orders and will deliver to you. Use your EBT card to shop securely for fresh produce and groceries at these participating stores in the Maryland area: Amazon, ShopRite, Walmart . Visit these online retailers to order your groceries online!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Amazon

- For Amazon.com customer must add a SNAP EBT card to an Amazon account at Amazon.com/snap-ebt.
- An active Amazon account is required to participate in SNAP online purchasing.
- Shop online at Amazon.com using your EBT card. Authorized food items labeled "SNAP EBT eligible only can be purchased.
- Purchases are delivered at home. A minimum purchase amount is required.

Walmart

- For Walmart order groceries at walmart.com/grocery or on the Walmart Grocery mobile app
- During checkout, select EBT Card as the payment method.
- If you are ordering online for curbside pick-up:
  1. You will receive an email you when your order is ready.
  2. Once you get the email, check in with the Walmart Grocery app to let the store know you're on the way.
  3. Follow the orange signs to the pickup area, and park in any designated spot.
  4. Store associates will bring your order to you!

ShopRite

- For ShopRite, order groceries online at ShopRite.com, or on the ShopRite mobile app.
- Pick up & delivery available.
- During checkout, select "Pay Online", then click the "Place Order" button.
- Select EBT SNAP Card as the payment method to complete checkout.

HOW DO SNAP PARTICIPANTS SIGN UP ?

- To use SNAP benefits on Amazon.com, visit Amazon.com/SNAP/Register, and follow the instructions on the screen.
- For Walmart, order groceries at walmart.com/groceries or on the Walmart Grocery mobile app.During checkout, select EBT card as the payment method.
- To use SNAP benefits on ShopRite.com **click here**

WHEN CAN MARYLAND RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SNAP BEGIN USING THEIR BENEFITS ONLINE?

Thursday May 28, 2020

CAN SNAP PARTICIPANTS USE BENEFITS TO PAY FOR SHIPPING OR DELIVERY?

Only eligible food may be purchased with SNAP benefits; delivery fees and other associated charges may not be paid for with SNAP benefits.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF THESE RETAILERS CAN DELIVER TO MY HOME?

The best way to determine if grocery delivery is available for your location is to visit the retailer websites. The delivery zip codes available are those where retailers are able to provide their full line of groceries, which includes the ability to deliver perishable items to that area.

HOW WILL SNAP PARTICIPANTS KNOW WHICH ITEMS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PURCHASE WITH SNAP BENEFITS?

Eligible food items have a special label "SNAP EBT eligible." This label appears after a SNAP participant adds their SNAP EBT card to their Amazon account. USDA requires all SNAP authorized retailers, including authorized online retailers, to ensure SNAP benefits are used to purchase eligible food items. For a list of eligible food items **click here.**

WHERE CAN INTERESTED RETAILERS FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO BECOME AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT SNAP BENEFITS ONLINE?

Retailers may visit the USDA website to learn more about participating in the SNAP Online Purchasing Program at **fns.usda.gov/snap/retailer-requirements-provide- online-purchasing.**

For More Information Visit **mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us** or call **1(800)-332-6347**

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PREGUNTAS FRECUENTES | CÓMO COMPRAR COMIDA POR INTERNET CON SUS BENEFICIOS DE SNAP

¿SABÍA USTED QUE? Ya puede usar sus beneficios del Programa de Asistencia de Nutrición Suplementaria (SNAP) para comprar productos frescos y comestibles por internet. Las tiendas en línea que participan ya aceptan los beneficios de SNAP para pedidos por internet y entregas a domicilio. Use su tarjeta EBT para comprar sin riesgo productos frescos y comestibles en estas tiendas participantes en el área de Maryland: Amazon, ShopRite y Walmart . Visite los sitios web de estas tiendas para pedir sus comestibles por internet.

¿CÓMO FUNCIONA?
Amazon

- Para Amazon.com el cliente debe agregar la tarjeta SNAP EBT a una cuenta de Amazon en Amazon.com/snap-ebt.
- Para poder comprar en línea con SNAP se requiere una cuenta activa en Amazon. Compre por internet en Amazon.com usando su tarjeta EBT.
- Solo se pueden comprar comestibles autorizados con la etiqueta "SNAP EBT eligible".
- Las compras le serán entregadas en su casa. Hay un mínimo de compras requerido

Walmart

- Para comprar comestibles en Walmart, ordene en walmart.com/grocery o con su celular en la Walmart Grocery mobile app
- Cuando vaya a pagar, seleccione la tarjeta EBT como método de pago. Si usted va a ordenar por internet para recoger en la tienda:
  1. Usted recibirá un correo electrónico cuando su pedido esté listo.
  2. Cuando reciba el mensaje, regístrese con la aplicación Walmart Grocery app para avisar a la tienda que usted va en camino.
  3. Siga las señales naranja hasta la zona de recoger y estacione es el lugar designado.
  4. Empleados de la tienda le traerán su pedido.

ShopRite

- Para comprar en ShopRite, ordene comestibles en ShopRite.com o con su celular en la ShopRite mobile app.
- Puede recoger el pedido en la tienda o recibirlo a domicilio.
- Para pagar, seleccione "Pay Online" (Pagar en línea), luego presione "Place Order" (Hacer pedido).
- Seleccione la tarjeta EBT SNAP como método de pago para finalizar su pago.

¿CÓMO PUEDEN REGISTRARSE LOS PARTICIPANTES DE SNAP?

- Para usar los beneficios de SNAP en Amazon.com, visite Amazon.com/SNAP/Register y siga las instrucciones en la pantalla.
- Para Walmart, ordene comestibles en walmart.com/groceries o en su celular en el Walmart Grocery mobile app. Para pagar, seleccione la tarjeta EBT como método de pago.
- Para usar los beneficios de SNAP en ShopRite.com **presione aquí.**

¿CUÁNDO PUEDEN LOS RESIDENTES DE MARYLAND QUE PARTICIPAN EN SNAP COMENZAR A USAR SUS BENEFICIOS EN LÍNEA?
El jueves 28 de mayo de 2020

¿LOS PARTICIPANTES PUEDEN USAR BENEFICIOS PARA PAGAR POR ENVÍOS O ENTREGAS A DOMICILIO?
Con los beneficios de SNAP solo se pueden comprar alimentos elegibles; los costos de envío y otros cargos asociados no se pueden pagar con los beneficios de SNAP.

¿CÓMO PUEDO SABER SI ESTAS TIENDAS HACEN ENTREGAS A DONDE VIVO?
Para saber si hacen entregas de comestibles a donde usted vive, visite los sitios web de las tiendas. Las zonas postales disponibles para hacer entregas son aquellas donde los vendedores pueden ofrecer su línea completa de comestibles, lo que incluye poder hacer entregas de productos perecederos a esa zona.

¿CÓMO SABEN LOS PARTICIPANTES DE SNAP CUÁLES ARTÍCULOS SON ELEGIBLES PARA COMPRAR CON LOS BENEFICIOS DE SNAP?
Los alimentos elegibles tienen la etiqueta especial "SNAP EBT eligible." Esta etiqueta aparece cuando un participante de SNAP agrega su tarjeta SNAP EBT a su cuenta en Amazon. El USDA exige que todas las tiendas autorizadas, incluyendo tiendas en línea autorizadas, garanticen que los beneficios de SNAP sean usados para comprar artículos de comida elegibles. Para ver una lista de artículos de comida elegibles, **presione aquí.**

¿DÓNDE PUEDEN LOS VENDEDORES INTERESADOS ENCONTRAR MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE CÓMO SER AUTORIZADOS PARA ACEPTAR LOS BENEFICIOS DE SNAP EN LINEA?
Para informarse sobre cómo participar en el Programa de SNAP de Compras en Línea, los vendedores pueden visitar el portal del USDA en **fns.usda.gov/snap/retailer-requirements-provide- online-purchasing.**

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Talbot County Public School

TCPS meals will be distributed on Tuesday, June 2 and Friday, June 5 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at school sites. The Easton Elementary site has now moved to Union Baptist Church at 223 Glenwood Ave., Easton. If you are unable to pick up meals and need emergency delivery, please call Crystal Miller at 443-432-5091.

The TCPS Instructional Technology Help Desk will be open on Tuesday, June 2 from 9:00 - noon and Friday, June 5 from noon to 3:00 p.m. at 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. Laptop return and diploma and personal belongings pick-up for Seniors will take place June 2 - June 5 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Easton High and St. Michaels Middle High.

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.

Registration is underway for new Pre-K and Kindergarten students. Please use this link to pre-register now: 2020-2020 Pre-Registration. School staff will contact families to complete the process when possible.

Please continue to send 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. Graduation Videos will be shared on June 1 at 6:00 p.m. for St. Michaels Middle High and June 2 at 6:00 p.m. for Easton High. Congratulations to the class of 2020!

The last day of school for students will be June 12. All student work must be submitted on or before that day. FOURTH QUARTER! FINISH STRONG! CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020!

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