COVID-19 Update

Talbot County Emergency Services
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Key Points for June 3

- ✓ In the past 24 hours, Maryland added 807 new COVID-19 cases and 45 deaths, bringing the total numbers to 54,982 and 2,519 respectively.
- ✓ Talbot County has a total of 98 confirmed COVID-19 cases and four deaths.
- ✓ The number of hospitalizations, an important metric in the Governor's Roadmap to Recovery, continues to decrease.
- ✓ Governor Larry Hogan announces that starting Friday, June 5th, Stage 2 of the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery will begin. More information can be found at https://governor.maryland.gov/recovery/ once made available
- ✓ A food distribution will be held Friday, June 5, at New St. John's Methodist Church in Wittman and on Monday, June 8, at Chapel District Elementary School in Cordova.
- ✓ The 50-bed modular tent at Shore Region Medical Center at Easton will be operational by Friday, June 5.
- ✓ A group of county childcare professionals is meeting to establish protocols for reopening childcare centers, which is key to successfully reopening businesses.
- ✓ The Talbot CARES Individual Assistance Program, administered by the Department of Social Services and Talbot County Finance, is taking applications. A small business assistance program will be announced on Friday.

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Health Department Launches COVID-19 Test Site at Easton High School

The Talbot County Health Department announced today that it will open a drive-through COVID-19 testing site in the Easton High School parking lot on Monday, June 8.

Patients must be Talbot County residents to receive testing at this site, and they must have an appointment to be tested. Ambulatory health providers also may refer their patients to the Easton High School site, but patients do not need orders from a healthcare provider and they do not have to be exhibiting symptoms.

"No one will have any out of pocket expenses for this test," says Dr. Fredia Wadley, Health Officer for Talbot County. "If individuals are insured, their insurance company will be billed, but no co-pay is required. Uninsured individuals can still receive a test with no cost to them."

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This testing site takes Talbot County a step closer to adequate testing for the COVID-19 virus, a measure that has been seen as lacking during the pandemic. "Hopefully, the Maryland Department of Health can continue to supply test kits for this county to perform enough testing to gain a better understanding of the number of residents that have the COVID-19 infection," Dr. Wadley says.

Adequate testing will also help relieve the burden on Health Department staff who Dr. Wadley acknowledges as dedicated, tireless public servants.

"I want to thank my staff who have worked so hard to arrange for not only the testing site, but also for a larger contact tracing crew," she says. "While I am on the phone with meetings, my staff are working to make things happen. I could not ask for a more dedicated group of public health professionals to help Talbot County get through this pandemic."

This county-operated test site will replace the regional test site at Chesapeake College that closes on Friday, June 5. All five Mid-Shore county health departments provided staffing for this facility.

The Health Department will begin accepting appointments at the Easton High School site on Thursday, June 4 at 8 a.m. To make an appointment, call 410-819-5632. The test site will be operational from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays as long as testing supplies last.

Easton Utilities

Easton Utilities will continue providing the essential services our customers rely on every day, while following the recommendations of federal, state and local agencies to protect the health of the public and our employees. Please note the following updates to our operations:

- The Customer Service Center and Lobby remain CLOSED. The Drive-Thru will be open on Mondays and Fridays only between 10 am – 2 pm. Customers are encouraged to utilize online bill pay, phone or mail for transactions.
- Employees are entering homes on an as-needed basis, pending the customer response to a COVID-19 screening checklist.
- As always, we remain flexible and willing to work with customers facing financial hardships during this time.

We will continuously monitor and update our policies to ensure we are providing the best possible service to our customers while maintaining the safety of all concerned. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Customer Service at 410-822-6110.

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DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR THE COMMUNITY

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020
10 AM - 12 PM

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

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

For more information contact 410-770-5515 or email talbotlct@talbotcountymd.gov.

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)

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