

COVID-19 Update

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Key Points for May 27

- ✓ In the past 24 hours, Maryland reported 736 new cases and 53 additional deaths, bringing the statewide totals to 48,423 and 2,270 respectively.
- ✓ Talbot has 83 confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- ✓ The Talbot County Health Department has acquired 100 test kits and will be setting up a drive-through testing site. The testing site at Chesapeake College closes June 5.
- ✓ University of Maryland Shore Regional Medical Center at Easton has seen a small increase in hospitalizations, but is nowhere near full capacity.
- ✓ The next food distribution will be held June 3 at St. Michaels Elementary School from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. This food distribution is sponsored by Union United Methodist Church.

Talbot County Free Library Reopening Update

- The Talbot County Free Library buildings remains closed though a gradual restarting of services will begin next week.
- Starting **Monday, June 1**, the book drops at both the Easton and St. Michaels branches will be open for returns. Please do not return Chromebooks or Wi-Fi hotspots at this time.
- The library is not accepting any book donations until further notice.
- Returned items will be quarantined for a minimum of 5 days and will remain on the patron's library card until checked-in after the items are removed from quarantine.
- All library due dates on items that were checked out prior to closure have been extended until July 31, and no fines will be assessed for materials that were loaned prior to the library closing.
- Beginning **Monday, June 8**, the library will launch a new books-to-go service so that patrons can once again reserve and pick up library materials. Details will be made available on the library's website at www.tcfl.org.
- Wi-Fi continues to be available around the clock outside both the Easton and St. Michaels branches.
- More details on the library's phased reopening plan will be shared on the library's website, Facebook page and via media outlets. For more information, visit tcfl.org, email askus@tcfl.org, or call 410-822-1626.

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Talbot County Public Schools

- TCPS meals and CarePacks will be distributed on Friday, May 29 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 Friday, May 29 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 will take place beginning the week of June 1 for Seniors 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: [2020-2021 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!
- Talbot County Public Schools announced the 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year with a surprise drive-by celebration at the home of each winner. The Teacher of the Year is Mr. David Cherry, Easton High Mathematics Teacher, and the Support Staff of the Year is Ms. Tasha Aikens, Special Education Instructional Assistant, also from Easton High. "Both of these individuals exemplify the heart and soul of Talbot County Public Schools," said Dr. Kelly Griffith, Superintendent. "I congratulate these two outstanding educators on this well-deserved recognition."
- The last day of school for students will be June 12. All student work must be submitted on or before that day.

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>

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- **Talbot County Health Department Website:**
<https://health.maryland.gov/talbotcounty/Pages/home.aspx>
- **Maryland COVID-19 Website:** <https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus>