

# COVID-19 Update

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## Key Points for June 5

- ✓ In the past 24 hours, Maryland added 912 new COVID-19 cases and 34 deaths, bringing the total numbers to 56,770 and 2,580 respectively.
- ✓ Talbot County has a total of 99 confirmed COVID-19 cases and four deaths.
- ✓ The Individual Assistance Grant Program supported by CARES Funding can be found [here](#).
- ✓ A food distribution will be held Friday, June 5, at New St. John's Methodist Church in Wittman and on Saturday, June 6, at Chapel District Elementary School in Cordova.

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## Talbot County Launches Small Business Grant Program

Talbot County will begin taking applications on Monday, June 8 for a grant program designed to help local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis. This is the second part of Talbot CARES, a program developed by the Talbot County Council to disperse funds the county received as part of the CARES Act.

The Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) established under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocated \$6.4 million to Talbot County. Half of the money was earmarked for use on health-related expenditures and is being administered by the Talbot County Health Department.

Legislative guidance allowed local jurisdictions to determine how to use the second half of the aid money. Talbot County elected to help both individuals and businesses, with the County Council designating \$2.4 million to be split equally between the two grant programs.

“The need in our community is great,” says Talbot County Council President Corey Pack. “Our number one priority is to help our businesses and our most vulnerable citizens get through the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Staff members from Talbot County's Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Finance Offices worked with a team of local stakeholders to develop the criteria for the Talbot CARE Small Business

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Emergency Relief Grant Program.

The program is open to business and not-for-profit organizations located in Talbot County with 50 employees or less. Applicants must also demonstrate a loss of business revenue of at least 25% related to COVID-19 public health emergency. Funds may be used for expenses incurred between March 16, 2020, and December 30, 2020.

“Talbot County’s Emergency Operations Center, elected officials, and staff have been working tirelessly throughout this economic crisis to help the business community and keep them informed,” says Jackie Wilson, chairperson of the Talbot County Economic Development Commission. “Now we will actually have the opportunity to provide businesses with grant money received by the County as a result of the CARES Act.

“We hope that these funds will have a significant impact on our local businesses and provide one more opportunity for much needed relief in helping them remain open or to reopen,” she continues. “There is no doubt that the heart of a strong community is a vibrant business sector.”

Cassandra Vanhooser, director of the Talbot County Department of Economic Development and Tourism, agrees. “I am grateful to the County Council for choosing to invest CARES dollars back into our businesses and not-for-profits,” she says. “These organizations form the foundation of a strong, healthy Talbot County. This will be money well spent, and we will all benefit.”

For more information about the Talbot CARES Small Business Emergency Relief Program, log on to [www.TalbotWorks.org](http://www.TalbotWorks.org). The site features both an online application form and a fillable PDF that may be completed and dropped at the Department of Economic Development and Tourism offices at 215 Bay Street in Easton.

## **Talbot County Public Schools**

TCPS meals will be distributed on Tuesday, June 9 and Friday, June 12 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 9 from 9:00 - noon at Easton High School and St. Michaels Elementary School. This will be the last day for the Help Desk. Please send an email to [helpdesk@talbotschools.org](mailto:helpdesk@talbotschools.org) for virtual support or to schedule a help desk appointment for iPads or laptops. Laptop return and personal belongings pick-up for middle and high school students will take place Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18.

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 call your child’s school to schedule an appointment to complete the process.

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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!



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## 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.

For more information contact 410-770-5515 or email [talbotlct@talbotcountymd.gov](mailto:talbotlct@talbotcountymd.gov).

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

### 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>

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- Maryland COVID-19 Website: <https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus>