



Dear TCPS Families,

Please see the message below from Dr. Karen Salmon, State Superintendent regarding any potential local impact of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Message from Dr. Karen B. Salmon
State Superintendent of Schools

“Multiple state agencies are collaborating on and are committed to the health and safety of students and staff in the school setting. We are working collaboratively with the Governor's Office, the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and all other relevant State agencies on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The information at the link below is the most current and official COVID-19 guidance from the Center for Disease Control and has been cleared for dissemination with our Maryland State Health Department.

[The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) provides the most up-to-date information regarding necessary guidance as we deal with the potential spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The MSDE will remain vigilant in providing all information regarding the virus as it pertains to the health and safety of students and staff in our schools.”

Talbot County Public Schools Administration will attend any and all Emergency Management briefings, and will work with the Talbot County Health Department and other partners to review, update and implement existing emergency operations plans if needed.

The District also has many protocols in place due to the annual cold and flu season, such as preparation for additional cleaning of buildings and stressing the importance of good hygiene practices. We monitor student illness reports, trends and absenteeism and are in daily contact with the Talbot County Health Department.

Attached please find a press release from Talbot County Emergency Services that includes details about COVID-19, recommended precautions, and resources for more information at the local, state and national level. We will share additional updates as they become available.

[COVID-19 2020 Press Release.pdf](#)

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kelly L. Griffith, Ed.D.
Superintendent