

COVID-19 Update

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Volunteers Step Up During COVID-19 Health Crisis

The unquenchable American spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in Talbot County, and it has never been more evident than the during the COVID-19 health crisis.

Quilters across the county are sewing masks for hospital staff and first responders. Food pantry workers have rushed to provide nutrition to those who are food insecure. Though houses of worship have been closed for services, members of the faith-based community are ministering virtually to the needs of county flocks.

“Once again Talbot County has risen to the occasion,” says Talbot County Council President Corey Pack. “I couldn’t be more proud our citizens. No matter what we need, Talbot County always responds.”

County Health Officer Dr. Fredia Wadley encourages county residents to volunteer, but common sense precautions and personal responsibility still apply when helping others.

“It’s extremely important that all of us pull together to see the community through this unprecedented pandemic,” says County Health Officer Fredia Wadley. “However, it’s also important that volunteer groups adhere to the rules for social distancing and limit meetings to 10 people. You cannot help others if you are sick.”

Director of Emergency Services Clay Stamp agrees. “The way people here help their neighbors is one of the things that makes Talbot County so special,” he says. “But our residents also have a responsibility to prepare themselves and their families. Preparedness is the key to resiliency for both communities and families.”

Those looking to volunteer can sign up on the talbotcovid19.org website where a form has been set up. Dozens of Talbot Countians already have virtually tossed their hats in the ring to help with the emergency response to COVID-19.

For more information about donating to community organizations or volunteering for service, click the link to submit a form via the talbotcovid19.org website.

Updates for March 21 include the following:

Law Enforcement

All Talbot County law enforcement agencies are still responding to calls. In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1 immediately.

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Town of Oxford

- Normal essential services will continue, but the Town of Oxford personnel will reduce direct interaction with the public to reduce any exposure to employees. The goal is to be able to continue all essential services by assuring the staff remains healthy.
- Administration will be available by telephone and email. If no answer, please leave a message. Email to oxfordclerk@goeaston is the preferred method of communication.
- Town Office: 410-226-5152
- If urgent and no answer, call Cheryl at 443-496-1761
- The town beaches, along with basketball and tennis courts have been closed to reduce gatherings. All areas are still available for walking.
- We are asking out of town visitors and returning second home residents to please self-quarantine for two weeks for the safety of others in the community and have posted a notice on the town Facebook page.
- Please use social distancing and reduce your travels outside of your house to necessities only.
- Any further Town of Oxford government cancellations will be posted on the bulletin board and on our Facebook page.

Where to Find More Information

- **CDC COVID-2019 Website:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **Talbot County COVID-19 Information** www.talbotdes.org/covid19.asp
- **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>
- **Talbot County Health Department Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/TalbotHealthMaryland/>
- **Talbot County Department of Emergency Services Website:** <http://www.talbotdes.org/default.asp>
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