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## **Virginia Aquarium to Provide Virtual Program to All Third-Grade Chesapeake Public School Students Through Support from T-Mobile**

(VIRGINIA BEACH, VA) – Thanks to the generosity of T-Mobile, the Virginia Aquarium will provide the *Sea Turtle Survivor* virtual program to 2,800 third-grade students in the Chesapeake Public Schools beginning April 15, 2021. This live, virtual program will provide an up-close view of unique sea turtle biofacts and the sea turtles in the Aquarium’s exhibit. Students will learn about a sea turtle’s anatomy, life history, and conservation concerns. In addition to the live, virtual program, each of Chesapeake Public Schools’ twenty elementary schools will receive corresponding lesson plans teachers can use after *Sea Turtle Survivor* to build on concepts about human impact on sea turtles and solutions to help protect these vital species.

“We are excited to partner with T-Mobile to offer this unique and valued STEM educational program to students who are not able to visit the Aquarium due to current COVID-19 restrictions,” said Cynthia Spanoulis, CEO of the Virginia Aquarium. “Support like this enables the Aquarium to fulfill our mission to inspire the conservation of the marine environment. Donations and grants help us offer education programs to our guests, facilitate outreach programs to students, provide care for thousands of animals, and conduct research programs such as our nationally-recognized Stranding Response Program.”

### **About the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center**

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums. The Aquarium is also a member of World Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The Virginia Aquarium’s mission is to inspire conservation of the marine environment through education, research and sustainable practices. It is located at 717 General Booth Boulevard, just south of Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach. For more information on exhibits, boat rides and special events, call (757) 385-FISH (3474), (TDD 385-4305) or visit [www.VirginiaAquarium.com](http://www.VirginiaAquarium.com).

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, supports the work of the Virginia Aquarium. The Foundation procures and maintains the Aquarium’s exhibits, including the animals and habitats. It is also responsible for annual and capital fundraising, administration and funding for the Virginia Aquarium Stranding

Response Program, conservation and scientific research efforts, and the Aquarium's mission-related education programs. You can be a part of our mission: make a [tax-deductible donation](#) to support our incredible programming.

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