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Township News

Hillsborough Township is in the process of upgrading its website. Over the next day or so, as the new site rolls out, some pages may be inaccessible for a short period of time. We appreciate your patience and look forward to bringing you a new and improved Hillsborough-nj.com.

Traffic Advisory:

Road Paving - Wednesday 5/6 through Thursday 5/7- CR514 Amwell Road will be closed from Route 206 to Steinmetz Road, from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm for milling and paving. Please follow the posted detour.

[Mayor Doug Tomson Announced US Army Veteran Thomas Cellilli, Jr. Named 2020 Hillsborough Grand Marshal](#)

At the April 28th Township Committee Meeting, Mayor Doug Tomson announced that Hillsborough resident Thomas Cellilli, Jr., an Army Veteran, has been named Hillsborough Township's Grand Marshal for 2020. "Yes, we are still naming a Grand Marshal for 2020 and Mr. Cellilli will carry over as Grand Marshal 2021 Memorial Day Parade," stated Mayor Doug Tomson. [To see the entire Press Release.](#)

[Township Committee Recognized April as National Donate Life Month](#)

At the April 14th meeting, the Township Committee declared April as National Donate Life Month. Realizing the urgent need for donors around the country, the National Donate Life Month observance was established in 2003, to promote a greater understanding of the life-saving benefits of donation. Established in 2012, National Donate Life Blue and Green Day represents a national effort to support and raise awareness for organ, tissue donation, and transplantation. [To see the entire article.](#)

[Hillsborough Middle School Band Competes in Rutgers Battle of the Bands](#)

The Hillsborough Middle School Band is competing for a spot to perform "The Bells Must Ring," Rutgers University's fight song, at a football game this fall. The band is one of five 2020 Finalists and need our support to help them win. [Public voting will run until May 17th at the Marching Scarlet Knights website.](#) The school with the most votes will win! Let's support our Middle School Band by voting daily...each IP address or mobile device are able to vote once every 24 hours.

COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Case Update

As of 5/4/2020 - 3 pm	Cases	Deaths
Somerset County	3,342	297
New Jersey	128,269	7,910
United States	1,152,372	67,456

Breakdown of Hillsborough Township Cases As Reported by Hillsborough Township Health Department

Revised Disclaimer:

Please be advised that the numbers posted below and on the Township website are those that are reported by Hillsborough Township Health Department based on reports from the NJ Department of Health surveillance system. The reported numbers are only from those individuals who have been tested for COVID-19 and are confirmed positive through an FDA approved laboratory for COVID-19 testing purpose. It does not include those contacts of the positive individuals or any individuals, who are sick and have not been tested.

Age Range	# of Positive Cases
0-9	3
10-19	8
20-29	25
30-39	21
40-49	42
50-59	51
60-69	48
70-79	21
80-89	32
90-99	13
100+	1
Total Cases	265
Official Recovered	126
Deceased	30
Long Term Care / Assisted Living Facilities *	
Confirmed Cases	132
Confirmed Deceased	41
Millstone Borough Cases	2

* Confirmed cases and confirmed deceased from Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities may not also be included in the total number of cases above.

The number of cases from the above section by age and deceased cannot be added to the Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities confirmed cases and confirmed deceased to get a total case count and a total deceased count. The reason for this is that there are different reporting mechanisms in place capturing that data. The NJ Department of Health surveillance system obtains reports from State run labs. The Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities utilize many different labs, State, out-of-state and private, therefore, their numbers are not completely reflected in the total Hillsborough numbers from the State system at this time. That withstanding, you cannot simply add the two sets of numbers either to get a total case count, as some of the LTC/ALF numbers are counted in the State system.

If you are a Hillsborough resident and have tested positive for Coronavirus / COVID-19, please contact the Health Department at 908-369-5652.

The Hillsborough Township Health Department continues to monitor all cases and is working with the State to identify any potential contacts for follow-up. A representative from the Hillsborough Township Health Department will reach out to all individuals determined to have been in close contact with the positive testing persons within 24-48 hours of each case being confirmed.

[NJ Residents with a Positive COVID-19 Test:](#)

[Instructions & Next Steps](#)

Somerset County COVID-19 Testing Site

[REMINDER: COVID-19 Testing for Somerset County and Hunterdon County residents at Raritan Valley Community Collge \(RVCC\) on May 5th and May 7th.](#) Testing will be by appointment only and a valid doctor's prescription is required. [Testing site will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.](#)



*Hillsborough Township
Municipal Services Open
to Residents and Businesses*

Hillsborough Municipal Services are open to serve both our residents and business community, despite the Municipal Building being closed. [See the full list of services.](#)

Finance / Tax Collector:

Those residents wishing to still make cash payments, Hillsborough Township will accept Cash Only Tax Payments. Residents are encouraged to submit payments online, mail in tax payments or place a check in the newly installed lockbox located in the lobby of the Police entrance at the Municipal Building.

The **Tax Collector** will accept in person, CASH only tax payments at the Municipal Building on specific dates and times. In order to protect both the residents and employees, there are various precautionary measures that have been established in order for this service to be permitted. [To view the dates, times and precautionary measures.](#)

Update from the Tax Collector - taxes are due May 1st but the grace period to pay without interest or penalty has been extended until June 1st. Payments received after June 1st will incur interest charges.

Below are photos of Hillsborough Township Departments delivering the services that you have come to expect from Hillsborough Township.

Social Services:
Secretary Marcy Palinkas disinfecting cart used to distribute food to C.A.N. recipients

Public Works:
DPW Worker George Kinigopoulo mowing Township grounds

Building:
Fire Subcode Official Ed Allatt working at
home on a plan review

Engineering:
Assistant Township Engineer Tom
Belanger and NJ Transit, Field
Coordinator Mr. Jim Gillian laying out bus
stop pads while practice social distancing

Updates, Closures and Cancellations

A full list of the COVID-19 Updates, Closures and Cancellations is posted on the [Hillsborough Township website](#)

- 5/6/2020 Recreation And Parks Commission meeting will be held using virtual technology - [to see notification and meeting instructions](#)
- 5/7/2020 Open Space Advisory Commission meeting is cancelled

[Hillsborough Residents: Don't Forget to Respond to the Census!](#)

The 2020 Census is happening now! You can complete your questionnaire [online](#), by phone, or by mail.

[The dates for completing the Census has been extended due to the COVID-19 health emergency.](#)

COVID-19 State Updates & Community Resources

For a full list of COVID-19 Resources, visit the Hillsborough Township [COVID-19 Information Page](#)

[Somerset County Library System of NJ \(SCLSNJ\)](#) offers virtual programs on its [website](#). Below are just two of the programs being offered this May.

[Getting Started with OverDrive and Libby eBooks](#) (grades K-12, parents/caregivers, and teachers)

Tuesday, May 5th from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Discover how to navigate SCLSNJ's eBook and eAudiobook collections for children and teens

[Tips and Tricks for Magic: The Gathering-Virtually and Physically](#) (grades 6-12)

Tuesday, May 5th from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Discover new ways to play the world's biggest trading card game, and how to be better at it

[Pandemic Parenting with Rachel Simmons](#)

Monday, May 11th from noon to 1:00 pm

Learn practical tools to respond to stress with emotional intelligence, composure, and compassion in this interactive workshop

[COMCAST Extends Comprehensive COVID-19 Response Policies to June 30th.](#)

For additional information and updates from Comcast related to Coronavirus, visit their [website](#).

[Hillsborough YMCA - Information For Essential Personnel Child Care](#)

[See Dr. Lisa Antunes, Acting Superintendent of Schools, weekly COVID-19 messages](#)

How Can I Help?

[Hillsborough Township Now Accepts Online Donations for the Community Assistance Network](#)

Effective immediately, online donations for Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) can now be made via the Township [website](#).

[Somerset County Office of Emergency Management Continues to Accept Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Donations](#)

The Somerset County Office of Emergency Management continues to accept donations of personal protective equipment. A collection box has been set up in front of the Emergency Services Training Academy, located at 402 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. [See list of needed items](#).

[Donate PPE](#)

[Register to Volunteer](#)

Hillsborough is Open for Business

Which of your favorite Hillsborough locations are **"Open for Business"**?
Support Hillsborough's Local Businesses!

[See the latest version of Hillsborough Open For Business - Episode 5](#)



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