Tuesday, May 5, 2020



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.
- Road Paving Tuesday 5/5 through Friday 5/8 Willow Road will have alternating traffic from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm due to milling and paving. Please proceed with caution.
- Road work on Route 206 between Andria Avenue and Old Somerville Road, on Friday, May 8th, from 3:00 am to 3:00 pm, with alternating traffic.

Township Committee Declared April as National Parkinson's Awareness Month

At the April 28th meeting, the Township Committee declared April as Parkinson's Awareness Month. Parkinson's Disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States. It is currently estimated to affect approximately one million people in the United States and the prevalence will more than double by 2040. <u>Read more.</u>

Rotary Club of Hillsborough Responds to Families in Need

The Rotary Club of Hillsborough has responded to the growing need for basic necessities by families struggling in these challenging times. In its ongoing effort to address community needs during these challenging times, the Rotary Club of Hillsborough worked with other area Rotary Clubs to secure a district-wide grant to purchase meals for families in need. <u>Read more.</u>



Woodfern Elementary School Home and School Association Holds

Fundraiser for Hillsborough C.A.N.

Woodfern Elementary School Home and School Association (HSA) is selling #BoroStrong T-shirts to raise money to buy groceries for needy families in town. 100% of the proceeds from each sale will go directly to the Hillsborough C.A.N. <u>Order your</u> <u>#BoroStrong T-Shirt by May 17th.</u> See Woodfern School HSA's fundraising efforts <u>featured on News12 New Jersey</u>

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. <u>Public voting will run</u> <u>until May 17th at the Marching Scarlet Knights website</u>. 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

	Hillsborough	Millstone	Somerset County	New Jersey	United States
CASES	265	2	3,342	128,269	1,152,372
DEATHS	30	NA	297	7,910	67,456
RECOVERED	129	NA	NA	NA	NA

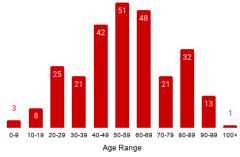
*Hillsborough numbers as of 5/5/2020, County, State and US as of 5/4/2020

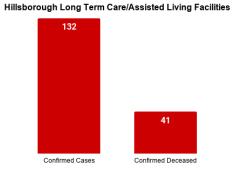
Breakdown of Hillsborough Township Cases As Reported by Hillsborough Township Health Department

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.







* 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.

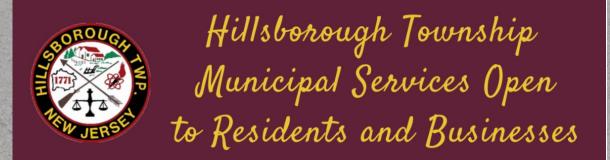
The Hillsborough Township Health Department continues to monitor all cases and is working with the State to identify any potential contacts for follow-up. A representative from the Hillsborough Township Health Department will reach out to all individuals determined to have been in close contact with 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

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



Hillsborough Municipal Services are open to serve both our residents and business community, despite the Municipal Building being closed. <u>See the full list of services.</u>

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. <u>To view the dates, times and precautionary measures</u>.

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.



Engineering:

Assistant to Township Engineer Everett Smith at field inspection of Wertsville Road milling project (I) and working from home using virtual technology (r)



Tax:

Inspector Linda Hadley conducting an inspection at new a storage facility on Route 206



Building: Building Inspector Harrison Wright working at home using virtual technology



Social Services: Assistant Director Cathy Faerber working on digital Veterans posters for Hillsborough's Wall of Honor

Updates, Closures and Cancellations

A full list of the COVID-19 Updates, Closures and Cancellations is posted on the <u>Hillsborough Township website</u>

Hillsborough Residents: Don't Forget to Respond to the Census!

The 2020 Census is happening now! You can complete your questionnaire <u>online</u>, by phone, or by mail.

COVID-19 State Updates & Community Resources

For a full list of COVID-19 Resources, visit the Hillsborough Township <u>COVID-19 Information Page</u>

<u>Somerset County: Economic Impact Checks for Senior Citizens Explained - Just</u> <u>the Basics</u>

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

<u>Teen Paint Night: Watercolor Galaxy Sky</u> (grades 6-12) Wednesday, May 6, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Discover how to paint with watercolors step by step. <u>See program description for materials needed.</u>

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 Online donations for Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) can now be made via the website. To donate items to C.A.N.

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.

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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This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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