

Monday, May 11, 2020



# HILLSBOROUGH e-News

## Township News

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### HILLSBOROUGH'S FOOD BANK

A collection of various food and household items, including cans of soup, boxes of cereal, and bottles of cleaning products.

#### C.A.N. we count on you?

The Hillsborough Community Assistance Network continues to rely on the local community to help your Hillsborough neighbors in need.

**Items we are currently low on:**

Shampoo	Laundry Detergent	Deodorant
Conditioner	Dish Detergent	Razors
Bath Soap	Cleaning Products	Tissues

Items may be dropped off by the entrance to the Social Services Department.  
Located across from the wooden Gazebo At the municipal complex  
Monday thru Friday between 8:00am and 4:30pm.

Monetary donations can also be made by mailing in a check or going to [hillsborough-nj.org](http://hillsborough-nj.org)

The seal of Hillsborough Township, New Jersey, featuring a circular design with the text "HILLSBOROUGH TWP. NEW JERSEY" around the perimeter. Inside the circle, there is a central emblem depicting a balance scale, a plow, and a sheaf of wheat, with the year "1771" at the bottom.

Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex  
The Peter J. Biondi Building  
379 South Branch Road  
Hillsborough, NJ 08844  
908-369-3880  
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#### How C.A.N. we help you?

Are you currently facing financial difficulty?  
Do you need assistance providing food for your family?  
Through the generosity of the local community Hillsborough's C.A.N. is able to assist you by providing food during this time of uncertainty.  
How are we able to do this?  
We are able to provide non-perishable groceries and toiletry products.

To apply for services, please visit the [Hillsborough-nj.org](http://Hillsborough-nj.org) web site under Social Services you will find an application to print off and complete.  
Or contact our office at the number below and one will be mailed to you.  
Once completed, please call our office to schedule an appointment.  
If you have any additional questions, please call our office at 908-369-3880  
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### Senior Curbside Pickup Date Being Rescheduled

For seniors that were signed up to have their goods picked up in April, look out for a postcard with the new date.



### Message from Mayor Doug Tomson Regarding the May 12th Township Committee Meeting

May 12 , 2020 Township Committee Meeting - Public Access

On Tuesday, May 12, 2020, the Hillsborough Township Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting. Due to the Governor's Executive Order No. 104, limiting public gatherings, the public may participate virtually. The meeting will be live streamed on the Township's YouTube channel and a conference call will be set up to allow the public to participate via telephone.



Meeting Agenda can be found on the [public portal](#)

Viewing/Listening Methods:

YouTube Livestream: <https://youtu.be/TucdQnRHAgE>

Dial-in time: May 12, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Dial-in: 888-204-5987 or 602-333-2017

Enter Meeting Code: 2604706

Public Comments Methods: **(REVISED)**

Public Comment can ONLY be made via:

- the conference bridge by dialing 888-204-5987 or 602-333-2017, enter the meeting code: 2604706
- email [Mayor@hillsborough-nj.org](mailto:Mayor@hillsborough-nj.org) **(All emails must be received by 7 pm on May 12, 2020)**

Please remember to clearly state your name and address for the record or include it in the email as it will be read into the record.

The Livestream will be view only mode and no comments will be accepted through the chat via livestream.

Dial-in participants will initially be muted and should listen for instructions when it is their turn to speak during any public comment periods.

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### **[Energy First Corp: National Electrical Safety Month Shines a Light on Home Safety](#)**

Electricity is all around us, powering the many devices we rely on every day. With so many of us spending more time at home – and probably binge watching a few shows – it is more important than ever to keep tabs on potential electrical hazards throughout the home. From properly placing cords to regularly testing smoke detectors, there are simple steps we all can take to prevent serious injuries, home fires and other property damage. [Keep your home and family safe with these tips..](#)

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### **[Last Call for Hillsborough Rewards Credit Card Program Grant Applications](#)**

The Hillsborough Township Credit Card Advisory Committee is still accepting grant applications. Applications can be found on the Township [website](#). Completed applications must be submitted by **Thursday, May 14, 2020** to the Administration Office to be considered for eligible grant funding. You can email a scanned application to [pborek@hillsborough-nj.org](mailto:pborek@hillsborough-nj.org) or fax it to 908-369-6034.

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### **[Hillsborough High School Field Hockey Team's Homework Helpers Offering Free Tutoring](#)**

Online school has its advantages and disadvantages. In efforts to help out younger students who are having difficulties adapting to online school, the Hillsborough High School Field Hockey team is volunteering their time to tutor, read stories and answer school-related questions to younger kids via email and google meet. The team is available to help out grades K-8. The team has girls who are skilled in Math, Science, History and English. [Read more.](#)

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### **[All Six Hillsborough Elementary School HSA's Work Together to Raise Money for Hillsborough Non-Profits](#)**

The Elementary School HSA's are working to help give back to the community during this time of need. They are selling non-medical face masks that are reusable and made from 100% US cotton. It is a washable, breathable and a very comfortable mask with tie straps in back to tie at your comfort level. Printed in the USA with super soft water-based inks. The purchase of a mask will help you keep others safe, while supporting the local Non-Profit Organizations that need our support! 100% of the proceeds from the purchase of each mask will be split evenly between the Hillsborough Food Pantry (C.A.N.) and Safe+Sound Somerset (Domestic Violence Help). Show your support for Hillsborough! [Orders are due by May 16th.](#)

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### **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. [Order your #BoroStrong T-Shirt by May 17th.](#) Also, see Woodfern School HSA's fundraising efforts [featured on News12 New Jersey](#)

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### **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.

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### **HHS Baseball & Softball Holding a Fundraiser for the Hillsborough C.A.N. Food Pantry**

HHS Baseball and Softball are missing the season but they wanted to give back to our community for all the support they've shown over the years. They are selling t-shirts for the "season we were ALWAYS SAFE at home." All proceeds from the t-shirt sale will benefit the Hillsborough C.A.N. food pantry. [Shirts are \\$10 each and are on sale until Monday, May 18th at this website.](#)

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Hillsborough Township is in the process of upgrading its website. 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](#).

## **COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Case Update**

	Hillsborough	Millstone	Somerset County	New Jersey	United States
CASES	288	2	3,613	139,945	1,300,696
DEATHS	31	NA	330	9,310	78,771
RECOVERED	137	NA	NA	NA	NA

**Breakdown of Hillsborough Township Cases As Reported by Hillsborough**

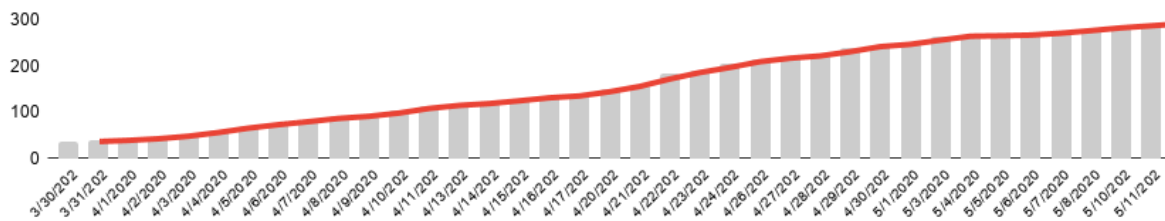


## Township Health Department

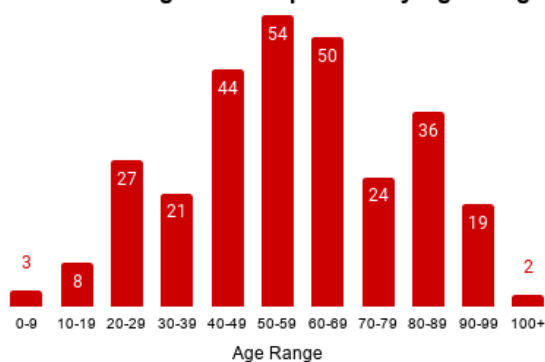
### Disclaimer:

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.

**Total Hillsborough Cases\***



**Positive Hillsborough Township Cases by Age Range**



**Hillsborough Long Term Care/Assisted Living Facilities**



\* 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**

## Testing at Raritan Valley College (RVCC) Continues on May 12th and 14th

COVID-19 Testing Continues for Somerset County residents at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) on May 12th and May 14th. 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 Update:**

**Effective Tuesday May 12th, the schedule for in person CASH only tax payments will be Tuesday, from 9 to noon, and Thursday, from 1 to 4.**

**Please keep in mind that taxes were due May 1st, however the grace period has been extended until June 1st (the last day of the grace period) and cash payment will be accepted that day from 9 am to 3 pm.**

**As always, you can still pay your tax by check via the mail or dropping it in the lockbox at the Police Department or [online payment](#).**

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



Administration:  
Mayor Tomson wearing his patriotic face mask while working in the Mayor's Office



Business Advocate:  
Director David Kois wearing his Star Wars face mask while working in the office

## **Updates, Closures and Cancellations**

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



## **Safe + Sound Somerset: Current Court Information During COVID-19**

Temporary Restraining Orders Still Available During COVID-19

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## **Operation Secure Shred to Be Held on May 16th**

# **COVID-19 State Updates & Community Resources**

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

**[A Letter from Colonel Patrick Callahan, State Director of Emergency Management, in Reference to School Graduations and Ceremonies](#)**

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**[A Reminder from DEP Commissioner McCabe on Rules for Visiting State Parks During COVID-19 Health Emergency](#)**

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**[Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Services Presents May 13th Webinar: Career Services Available to Job Seekers During Coronavirus Pandemic](#)**

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**[Somerset County Library System of NJ \(SCLSNJ\)](#)** offers virtual programs on its **[website](#)**. You can also view programs on **[SCLSNJ YouTube](#)** channel. SCLSNJ Expands Virtual Reference Service in English and Spanish Languages and Text Options. **[See "Ask a Librarian" on the SCLSNJ website for details.](#)**

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

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**[See Weekly COVID-19 Messages from Dr. Lisa Antunes, Acting Superintendent of Schools](#)**

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**[American Red Cross Mental Health First Aid Course: Supporting Yourself and Others During COVID-19](#)**

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**[COMCAST Extends Comprehensive COVID-19 Response Policies to June 30th.](#)** For additional information and updates from Comcast related to Coronavirus, visit their **[website](#)**.

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**[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. **[Due dates to complete the census have been modified due to COVID-19 health emergency.](#)**

## **How Can I Help?**

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

Donations to the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) can now be made **[online](#)**. Donation of items are also accepted - **[see list of most needed items](#)**.

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**[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.

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[Register to Volunteer](#)

## Hillsborough is Open for Business

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



## How To Contact Your State Officials

Governor Phil Murphy  
phone #: 609-292-6000  
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line  
mailing address: Office of Governor, PO Box 001, Trenton NJ 08625

Senator Bob Menendez  
phone #: 973-645-3030  
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line  
mailing address: One Gateway Center Suite 1100, Newark NJ 07102

Senator Cory Booker  
phone #: 973-639-8700  
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line  
mailing address: One Gateway Center 23rd Floor, Newark NJ 07102

Congressman Tom Malinowski  
phone #: 908-547-3307  
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line  
mailing address: 75-77 N Bridge St, Somerville, NJ 08876

Senator Christopher "Kip" Bateman  
phone #: 908-526-3600  
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line  
mailing address: 36 East Main Street, Somerville NJ 08876

Assemblyman Roy Freiman  
phone #: 908-829-4191  
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line  
mailing address: 390 Amwell Road Suite 301, Hillsborough NJ 08844

Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker

phone #: 732-823-1684

email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line

mailing address: 1 Deer Park Drive Suite D-1, Monmouth Junction NJ 08852

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