

Thursday, May 21, 2020



# HILLSBOROUGH e-News

## Township News

### [A Message from Mayor Doug Tomson Regarding Memorial Day...](#)



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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.

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### [Update from Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Department:](#)

Just a reminder, in an effort to protect individuals safety and well being, the following facilities remain closed: all Hillsborough Township playgrounds, athletic courts and fields, the skate park and the dog park. Tennis courts are open.

Bathroom facilities are available at Singley Park, Ann Van Middlesworth Park and Docherty Park. Please remember to practice social distancing.

Also...don't forget to join our virtual programs like the 88.5K Challenge or Hillsborough Clue Game! Go to [hillsboroughnjrecreation-nj.org](https://hillsboroughnjrecreation-nj.org) and look under Virtual Programs for more information.

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### [Sustainable Tip of the Week:](#)

Reusing items like clothes, tools, furniture and other homewares is an easy and effective method of reducing waste and saving money. Check out the DEP Bureau of Sustainability's May Infographic for tips on how to reuse and repair goods so you can keep these items out of landfills and money in your pocket! For more information, check out the [DEP's Source Reduction resource page](#).

Also don't forget to....



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### Reminders from Hillsborough Police Department:

#### Be Aware Of Contact Tracing Scams

State and Local Officials are warning residents to be aware of contact tracing scams. In no instance would a legitimate contact tracing analyst ask you for your social security number nor your bank information. Therefore, if that information is attempted to be ascertained by a Contact Tracer DO NOT PROVIDE IT, as that is a scam.

In the case of a legitimate Contact Tracer Analyst reaching out to you the type of information they would be obtaining would be related to your symptoms, who you have been in contact with, including where you work and who you live with.

Again, do not provide your Social Security Number nor your banking information to anyone over the telephone.

A Contact Tracer Analyst would not TEXT you either. If you receive those types of TEXT messages, delete them.

For more information regarding contact tracing, visit the New Jersey [Website](https://covid19.nj.gov/search.html?query=contact+tracing+scam) at <https://covid19.nj.gov/search.html?query=contact+tracing+scam>

Also, below is a link to a recent article about this:

<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/05/beware-of-coronavirus-contact-tracing-scams-nj-officials-warn-thousands-of-fraud-cases-reported.html>

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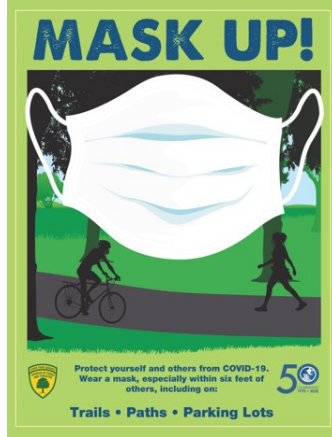
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Update from the Building Department:









## **Somerset County to Offer Free Mental Health Webinar on May 22nd - 'Break the Stigma'**

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, "Break the Stigma", a free Zoom webinar, will be held on Friday, May 22nd, from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. [For more information and to register.](#)

## **Changes Being Made to BoroSAFE**

Since May is Mental Health Awareness Month, it's the perfect time to let you know about some important changes to BoroSAFE. In addition to educating everyone about suicide awareness and prevention, they are expanding their focus to encompass the whole continuum of mental health issues. [For more information.](#)

### **24/7 Resources:**

[Crisistextline.org](#) Text HOME to 741741  
2nd Floor Youth Helpline (call or text) 888-222-2228  
National Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
Always call 911 in case of emergency

Hey Hillsborough! Since May is Mental Health Awareness Month, it's the perfect time to let you know about some important changes to BoroSAFE. In addition to educating everyone about suicide awareness and prevention, we are expanding our focus to encompass the whole continuum of mental health issues.

**\*NEW\***

**Our Mission:**  
BoroSAFE is a community collaborative, with an aim to provide access to mental health resources, emotional well-being best practice, and suicide prevention resources across the entire Hillsborough Community.

**Our Goal:**  
To proactively connect our community with resources so that we can all care for our emotional well-being, no matter where on the mental health continuum we may fall.

\* Please look for us at future events in the surrounding community! \* We will be able to provide you with many resources and information! \* Website relaunch: Coming soon!  
\* Contact: Chad Berman & Kristen Saleeba (co-chairpersons): BoroSAFE@gmail.com \*

**Mental Health Resources:**

- National Suicide Hotline- 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Mental Health America (<https://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/mental-health-month>)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) (<https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Month>)

## **Hillsborough High School Field Hockey Team's Homework Helpers Offering Free Tutoring (click here for more information)**

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.](#)

## **Last Date to Order has been Extended to May 25th! 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 25th at this website.](#)

# HILLSBOROUGH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



**\$10 per T-Shirt**

All proceeds are being  
donated to the  
Hillsborough Community  
Assistance Network (CAN)  
Food Pantry



## Hillsborough High School Baseball & Softball Charity Fundraiser T-Shirt Sale

The t-shirts will be ash gray with cardinal/maroon writing.  
The logo in the banner of this form will be on the front of the shirt,  
and the "ALWAYS SAFE at home" logo will be on the back of the  
shirt. All shirts will be delivered, contact-free. See the order form  
for more info and contact information.

**DEADLINE TO ORDER IS EXTENDED THROUGH MONDAY, MAY 25TH**

To order, visit: <https://forms.gle/J5wTyYqo1wtYmMmt5>

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](https://www.hillsborough-nj.com).

## COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Case Update

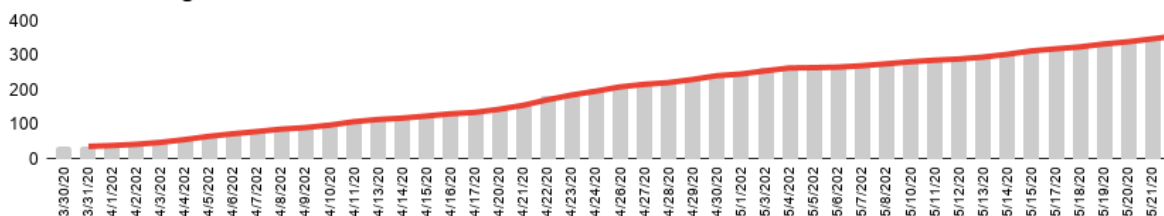
|           | Hillsborough | Millstone | Somerset<br>County | New Jersey | United<br>States |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------------|
| CASES     | 354          | 2         | 3,850              | 151,472    | 1,551,095        |
| DEATHS    | 49           | NA        | 386                | 10,843     | 93,061           |
| RECOVERED | 172          | NA        | NA                 | NA         | NA               |

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

#### Disclaimer:

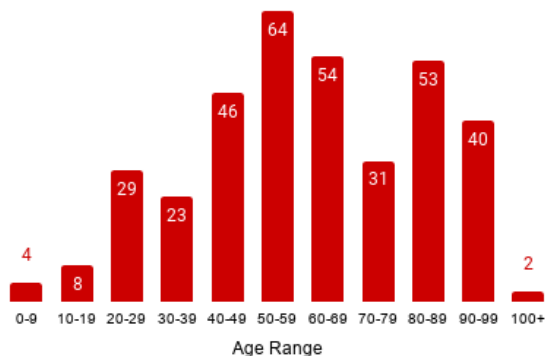
Please be advised that the numbers posted below and on the Township website are those that are reported by Hillsborough Township Health Department based on reports from the NJ Department of Health surveillance system. The reported numbers are only from those individuals who have been tested for COVID-19 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\*

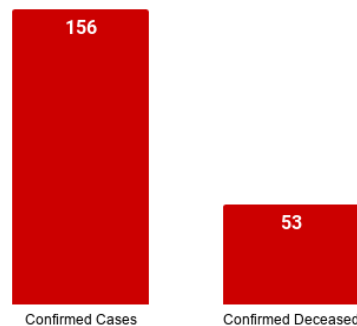




Positive Hillsborough Township Cases by Age Range



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 28th, June 2nd and June 4th](#)

COVID-19 Testing Continues for Somerset County residents at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) on Thursday, May 28th, Tuesday, June 2nd and Thursday, June 4th. 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:**

The schedule for in person CASH only tax payments will be Tuesdays, from 9 am until noon, and Thursdays, from 1 pm until 4 pm.

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.



Business Advocate:  
Director David Kois supporting Takeout  
Tuesday at Falafel House



Administration:  
Administrator Ferrera, Township Clerk  
Pam Borek and OEM Director John  
Sheridan on daily Somerset County  
status conference call while practicing  
social distancing

[See the Video Album of Hillsborough Township Employees at Work for you During COVID 19](#)



## **Updates, Closures and Cancellations**

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

**May 28th Historic Preservation Commission meeting is cancelled**



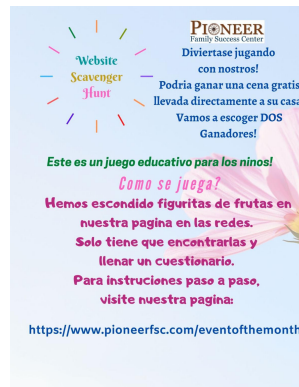
# COVID-19 State Updates & Community Resources

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

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## [PIONEER Family Success Center](#)

The Pioneer Family Success Center is a program of EmPoWER Somerset, a nonprofit organization. We offer the community a gathering place, connect families to helpful resources in Somerset County, NJ and bring families together through free events, programs & local activities. [For June Events.](#)



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## [Safe + Sound Somerset - Ask Ava Podcasts](#)

Episode 8: Blackmail in Teen Relationships



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## [Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off May 30th - Safely Dispose of Harmful Items](#)

Residents can drop off their items at the scheduled drop-off event on Saturday, May 30th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the South County Public Works Garage, located at 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough. A complete listing of recyclable items, recycling drop-off events and much more is available at [www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle).

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## [Contact Tracing Opportunity](#)

Are you interested in assisting NJ's contact tracing efforts? [Register at the NJ COVID-19 Information Hub website](#) and be notified when opportunities become available.

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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.](#)

[#BeSafeAtHome While Exploring the Benefits of Art and Creative Endeavors for Youths](#): Art can keep your children, tweens, and teens entertained, but, more importantly, art can reduce stress and benefit an adolescent's emotional development and growth. The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) has a robust suite of services to help youths be creative, inspired, and curious while still remaining encouraged in their education pursuits. [Read more.](#)

[See Update from SCLSNJ Taking Precautions](#)

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

## 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!**

[View the Latest Episode 6 of Hillsborough Open for Business](#)



## 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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