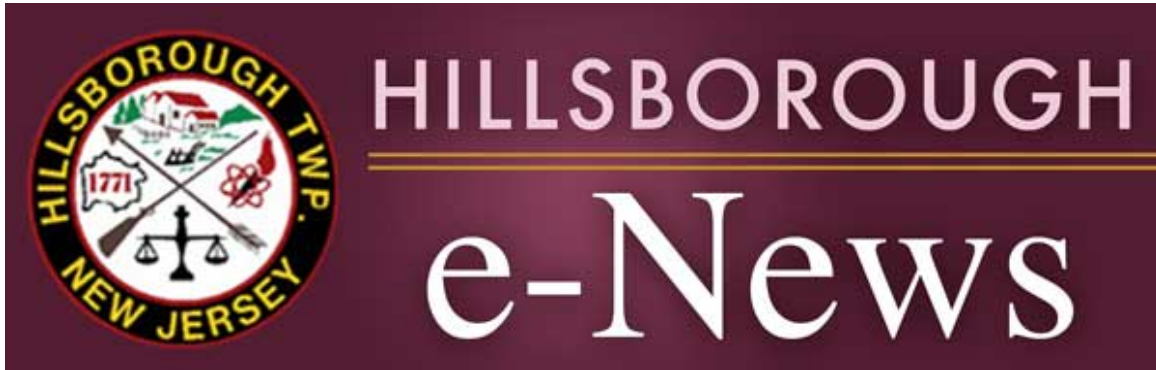


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Special Bulletin: COVID-19 UPDATE

Tuesday, March 17, 2020



Hillsborough Township has issued an [Emergency Declaration](#) to further protect, support and offer services to the community during COVID-19 outbreak

- The HTPD is authorized to close any street deemed necessary to allow for public safety and access may be restricted to any Township building or the actual boundaries of the Township.
- The Municipal Building will be closed to the public and access may be restricted to essential personnel.
- Food pantry access and Senior Citizen busing for essential services will be provided for doctors' appointments and emergency pharmacy/grocery.
- Recreation activities and programs will be suspended indefinitely until further notice.
- Only essential meetings may be held until further notice.

Governor Phil Murphy's [Executive Order No. 104](#) mandates that certain businesses close or have limited hours. During this unprecedented public health emergency, it is especially important to support our local businesses. For the latest information regarding the Hillsborough Business Community, please Like & Follow the Hillsborough Business Association (HBA) [Facebook page](#) .

A full list COVID-19 Updates, Closures and Cancellations are posted on our website and can be accessed by clicking the scroll at the top of the site or by visiting this [link](#) .

- The Municipal Building will be closed to the public until further notice however many municipal services will be available on-line or via the telephone. Please refer to our Township website "[How Do I](#)." section for self-services functions like on-line payments, forms and contact phone numbers for departments.
- Building Department will not have extended hours until further notice and they have implemented a permit pick-up process while the Municipal Complex is closed.

- Department of Public Works is closed to the general public.
- The 1st Annual Hillsborough Township Litter Awareness and Clean-up Day scheduled for Saturday, March 21st, has been cancelled.
- The Fire Safety Department has suspended business inspections and smoke alarm certification inspections at this time. There is an affidavit for smoke alarm inspections available so that home closings can continue.
- Notice to Residents from Chief Michael McMahon, Hillsborough Police Department [click here for the update to residents and visitors](#) regarding the precautions being taken to protect both our citizens and employees.
- Municipal Court is rescheduling court sessions scheduled from March 16th to March 27th. Please contact the court at 908-369-3532 to determine your new court date.
- All Senior Programs have been cancelled until further notice. Senior busing will be available for doctors appointments. Seniors should contact our Social Services Department if they need assistance in obtaining items from the grocery store or prescriptions.
- As of Wednesday, March 18th, Somerset County Recycling Center will be closed to the general public and curbside pick-up will be discontinued until further notice to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus.
- Municipal Utilities Authority office is closed until further notice.
- The Library System will be closed to the public. Until further notice, DO NOT place books in the outside dropbox. Keep the loaned material(s) as it will be automatically renewed so you will not incur any fines. For more information, visit the SCLSNJ [website](#).
- Hillsborough Township schools remain closed. Click [here](#) to see the March 13th communication sent by Dr. Antunes, Acting Superintendent of Schools.

Hillsborough Health Department Recommends to continue preventative measure, such as hand washing, covering coughs, stay home when you're sick and further social distancing as explained by the CDC.

Another recommendation for private sports programs. We advise you to cancel, just as the schools and the recreation department have done.

The Hillsborough Health Department continues to monitor information about the Coronavirus and will update the public as needed on the Township website.

The NJ Department of Health has provided this phone number for the general public with questions about this virus: 1-800-222-1222 (N.J. Poison Control number), and the following websites for up to date information regarding the virus:

Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov

NJ Department of Health: www.nj.gov/health

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

FACTS, SYMPTOMS & PREVENTION



COVID-19 is a new virus that spreads from person to person.

- It can cause mild illness, like the common cold.
- It can cause severe illness like SARS.
- Currently, no treatment or vaccine is available.

SYMPTOMS:



FEVER

SHORTNESS
OF BREATH

COUGH

HOW IS IT SPREAD?

BY AN INFECTED PERSON:

- Within 6 feet of you.
- That coughs or sneezes near you.

FROM SURFACES:

- Touching an object that has the virus on it, then touching your face



PLAN AHEAD:

- Have an emergency plan in case children can't go to school or you can't go to work.
- Talk to your employer about alternative work arrangements.

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STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH THESE TRUSTED SOURCES:

www.cdc.gov
www.co.somerset.nj.us/health
www.nj.gov/health
www.who.int

PREVENTION

STAY HEALTHY



WASH HANDS OFTEN
WITH SOAP & WATER,
AT LEAST 20 SECONDS



COVER YOUR COUGHS AND
SNEEZES WITH A TISSUE OR
THE INSIDE OF YOUR ELBOW



CLEAN & DISINFECT
SURFACES FREQUENTLY



STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK

Additional Information

COMCAST announces comprehensive COVID-19 response to help keep Americans connected to the internet. They are taking steps to implement some new policies for the next 60 days, and other important initiatives. Xfinity WiFi Free For Everyone: Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi. Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the “xfinitywifi” network name in the list of available hotspots, and then launch a browser. For more information and updates from Comcast related to Coronavirus, visit: <http://www.comcastcorporation.com/COVID-19/>

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