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# Special Bulletin: COVID-19 UPDATE

Wednesday, March 18, 2020



### **Press Release**

#### Hillsborough Township Resident Tests Positive For COVID-19

Hillsborough Township is notifying residents of a positive case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in the Township. <u>Click here to see the press release</u>.

### Updates, Closures and Cancellations

## <u>A full list COVID-19 Updates, Closures and Cancellations is posted on our website.</u>

The following items have been added to the list today. For more details and previously posted items visit the <u>website</u> .

- The Municipal Building will be closed to the public. Please refer to our Township <u>website</u> for self-services functions like on-line payments, forms and contact phone numbers for departments.
- All Hillsborough Township Parks will remain open however the playgrounds and courts of all kind, skate will be closed.
- Building Department has <u>modified its protocols</u> while the Municipal Complex is closed. In addition, they will not have extended hours until further notice.
- As of March 18th, Hillsborough Assessor's office has cancelled all upcoming inspection appointments and will call to reschedule once the health crisis is over.
- Department of Public Works is closed to the general public. Residents can access program information on the Township <u>website</u> or by calling the office at 908-369-3950.
- Hillsborough's Business Advocate Department is working with the Hillsborough Business Association as they support the community during this unprecedented public health crisis. 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) <u>Facebook page</u>.

• Somerset County Recycling has evaluated Coronavirus safety precautions and are pleased to announce that curbside pickups will continue on Thursday, March 19th.

### **State and Local Updates**

#### Governor Murphy's Update Regarding All Indoor Retail Shopping Malls, Amusement Parks, and Amusement Centers Across New Jersey

T he Governor has directed the closure of all indoor retail shopping malls, amusement parks, and amusement centers across New Jersey until the current emergency ends. Restaurants which are located within malls, and which also have their own entrances separate from the general mall entrances, may remain open for takeout or delivery only.

#### Read the Hillsborough Emergency Declaration from March 16th

### **Additional Resources**

- To help minimize public exposure during the current health crisis, **Shop Rite of Hillsborough**, located at Route 206 & Amwell Road, will offer designated grocery shopping time for senior citizens, age 60 or over. Starting Thursday, March 19th, Shop Rite will be open from 6 am to 7 am for senior citizens, age 60 or over, **only**. Senior citizens needing assistance may bring someone with them who is under the age of 60. All store departments will be open with the exception of the Pharmacy Department which will be open at their normal time of 8 am.
- <u>PSE&G Implements Operational Updates to Continue to Safeguard Customer</u> and Employee Health
- **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 <u>www.xfinity.com/wifi</u>. 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: <u>http://www.comcastcorporation.com/COVID-19/</u>

### Hillsborough Health Department

#### Hillsborough Health Department and Somerset County Health Officers Working Together on Public Health Emergency

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.

**CORONAVIRUS** COVID-19 **S**ant The Hillsborough Health Department continues SEMERSET **FACTS, SYMPTOMS & PREVENTION** to monitor information about the Coronavirus and will update the public as needed on the PREVENTION **COVID-19** is a new virus that spreads from person to person. **STAY HEALTHY** Township website. It can cause mild illness, like the common cold.
It can cause severe illness like SARS. Ö Currently, no treatment or vaccine is available. The NJ Department of Health has provided this phone number for the general public with SYMPTOMS: questions about this virus: 1-800-222-1222 (N.J. Poison Control number), and the following AT LEAST 20 websites for up to date information regarding the virus: Centers for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov NJ Department of Health: www.nj.gov/health **HOW IS IT SPREAD? BY AN INFECTED PERSON:** O Within 6 feet of you. THE INSIDE OF YOUR ELB O That coughs or sneezes near you FROM SURFACES: Touching an object that has the virus on it, then touching your face **PLAN AHEAD:** O Have an emergency plan in case children CLEAN & DISINFECT SURFACES FREQUENTLY can't go to school or you can't go to work Ö Talk to your employer about alternative work arrangements. ndated 3/11/20 STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH THESE TRUSTED SOURCES: www.cdc.gov STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK www.co.somerset.nj.us/health www.nj.gov/health www.who.int

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