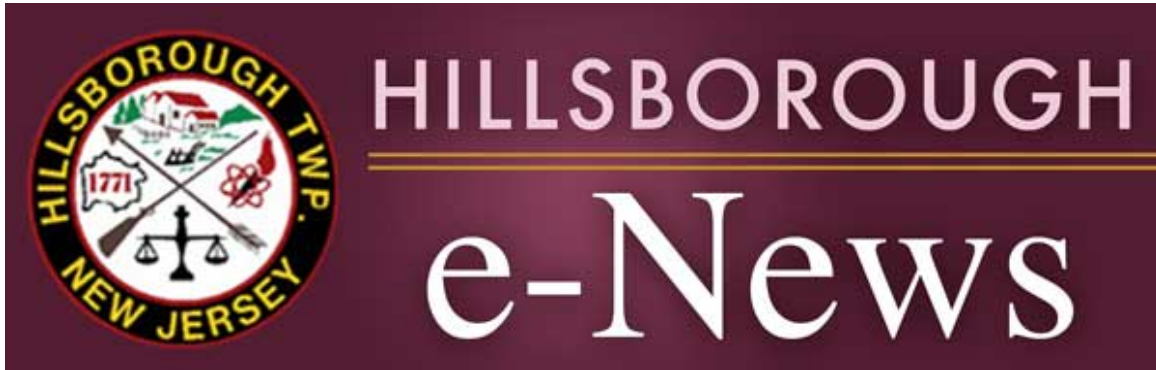


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Special Bulletin: COVID-19 UPDATE

Friday, March 20, 2020



COVID-19 Reported Case Update

Hillsborough Township is notifying residents of a second positive case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in the Township. The Hillsborough Township resident is currently in isolation. The Hillsborough Township Health Department is monitoring the resident and is working with the state to identify any potential contacts for follow-up. A representative from the Hillsborough Health Department will reach out to you within 24-48 hours if you were in close contact with this resident. You can check the number of reported cases throughout Somerset County on the county [website](#) .

Message from Mayor Tomson Regarding March 24th Township Committee Meeting

We are all operating under unique circumstances attributable to the COVID-19 virus. The next meeting of the Township Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 7:30 pm. We are working on providing residents with the opportunity to participate in this meeting remotely. Residents should access the Township website prior to the scheduled meeting to ascertain how they can participate remotely. A number of residents have expressed interest in commenting on Ordinance 2020-08 which amends Chapter 188 "Land Use and Development", Article V "Districts and Standards", Section 188-98 RA, RS, R, R1, R2, CR, AH, RCA, PD Residential Districts, by adding R8A Zone to apply to Block 182, Lots 9, 11.01 and 46.01 and Block 183, Lot 38.02. At the March 24, 2020 meeting, I intend to ask my fellow committee members to delay a final vote on the Ordinance and continue the public hearing to the April 28, 2020 Township Committee meeting to provide residents additional opportunity to comment on this Ordinance. Those residents may also participate and comment remotely at the March 24, 2020 meeting.

Township Updates, Closures and Cancellations

[A full list of the COVID-19 Updates, Closures and Cancellations is posted on our Township website.](#) The following items have been added to the list today. For more details and previously posted items visit the **[website](#)**.

- The Municipal Building will be closed to the public. Please refer to our Township **[website](#)** for self-services functions like on-line payments, forms and contact phone numbers for departments.
- All Department of Public Works Programs are suspended until May and at that time the programs will be reevaluated. This includes ALL Clean Communities Events, Annual Cleanup Events, Sr. Curbside Pickup and Grass and Leaf drop off. If your date is cancelled we will withdraw you from the event and you will be able to select a different date when the system becomes active. Community Pass is currently NOT available to register for programs. Please check our **[website](#)** for updates when they become available. The Public Works yard is also closed to the public. Questions can be directed to dpw@hillsborough-nj.org or 908-369-3950.
- **Hillsborough Township Fire District / Hillsborough Police Department Incident Response Temporary New Guidelines** - these are the steps Hillsborough Township Fire District / Hillsborough Police Department are taking. Responses to investigations or activated alarms within the interior of a structure and to automobile accidents with patient contact, the first-responders will be dressed in full personal protective equipment along with masks, which may include self-contained breathing apparatus and medical gloves. A crew of two will enter the interior of the structure while other members will be positioned outside or will remain inside the apparatus unless needed. If you witness this type of response procedure, there is no need for alarm or panic, these are just the additional safety measures being taken during this worldwide health emergency to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- Hillsborough's Business Advocate Department continues to work with the Hillsborough Business Association as they support the community. For the latest information regarding the Hillsborough Business Community, please *Like & Follow* the Hillsborough Business Association (HBA) **[Facebook page](#)**.

State, County and Township Updates

New Jersey Department of Human Services has Coronavirus (COVID-19) material for those who are deaf or hard of hearing. Click **[here](#)** to access this material.

[Somerset County Transportation Paratransit Services will be limited to dialysis appointments only](#)

[GRWDB Provides Unemployment Insurance Information](#)

[A Message from the Township of Hillsborough Municipal Utilities Authority](#)

Community Resources and Updates

Church Services Offered On-line During Coronavirus Public Health Emergency. If any other House of Worship would like to send information for us to share with the community we would be happy to include it in future communications.

- Mary, Mother of God Church, is conducting live stream Catholic Masses during the public health emergency. Visit their website for the schedule and instructions to access the services at **www.marymotherofgod.org**
- Neshanic Reformed Church, is livestreaming their Sunday Morning Worship Service and video/audio chatting their Wednesday Night Bible Study during this public health emergency. Visit their website for the schedule and access instructions at **NeshanicReformedChurch.org**

[Hillsborough Food Establishments Updated Operation Hours and Closures](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Business Resources](#)

[Safe & Sound, Somerset COVID-19 Community Update](#)

[PSE&G Implements Operational Updates to Continue to Safeguard Customer and Employee Health](#)

UPDATE: ShopRite of Hillsborough will offer designated grocery shopping time for senior citizens, age 60 or over, or anyone in the high-risk category. As of Friday, March 20th, ShopRite of Hillsborough will be open from 7 am to 8 am for those in the high-risk category only. Senior citizens needing assistance may bring someone with them who is under the age of 60. All store departments will be open, except the Pharmacy Department, which will be open at their normal time of 8 am. Seniors who have no other means of transportation should call the Social Services Department at 908-369-3880 to arrange a ride.

[COMCAST Announces Comprehensive COVID-19 Response to Help Keep Americans Connected to the Internet](#)

UPDATE: Comcast has announced an expansion of the availability of their Internet Essentials program. Internet Essentials is normally available to all qualified low-income households in Comcast's service area for \$9.95/month. Beginning Monday, new families who connect to Internet Essentials will receive 60 days of broadband service for free. More information about Internet Essentials can be found on the Comcast [website](#).

Additionally, over the next few days, Internet Essentials speeds will be increased from 15/2 MBPS to 25/3 for all new and existing customers, and will become the speed of the service going forward. More information about the expansion can be found on the company's [website](#).

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.

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:



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

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