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Special Bulletin: COVID-19 UPDATE

Tuesday, March 24, 2020



COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Case Update

1 new person in Hillsborough Township has tested positive for COVID-19 today, bringing the total number of people who have tested positive in the Township to 10.

The Hillsborough Health Department has confirmed a positive COVID-19 test in a child who attends Amsterdam Elementary School. The student attended school last on March 13th. Upon conducting the investigation, the student had no known high risk exposure to COVID-19. Therefore, we expect that there is community spread at this time. Please continue to practice social distancing.

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.

Message from Mayor Tomson Regarding Tonight's March 24th Township Committee Meeting

March 24th Township Committee Meeting - Public Access

On Tuesday, March 24, 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 has been set up to allow the public to participate via telephone.

View Agenda and Meeting Documents

Viewing/Listening Methods:

YouTube Livestream: https://youtu.be/G4KFC-XQt2w

Dial-in Time: Mar 24, 2020 07:30 PM Dial in: 602-333-2017 or 888-204-5987

Enter Meeting Code: 2604706

Public Comment Methods:

Livestream viewers can type questions, *along with your name and address for the record*, in the chat box to the right of the video.

Dial-in participants, callers will initially be muted and should listen for instructions when it is their turn during the public comment period and comment period for public hearings for ordinances.

Updates, Closures and Cancellations

A Full List of the COVID-19 Updates, Closures and Cancellations is Posted on the Hillsborough Township Website. The following items have been added to the list today. For more details and previously posted items visit the website.

All inspections have been suspended until further notice. This includes building, plumbing, electrical, smoke detector, engineering and zoning.

Hillsborough residents who have currently been affected by a recent job loss or reduction of income and are in need of food assistance should contact the Community Assistance Network in the Social Services Department at 908-369-3880.

Somerset County Update:

March Recycling Cancellations - First Saturday, E-waste, Shredding

NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness Update: COVID-19 Rumor Control and Disinformation Updates

Donations of Personal Protective Equipment Sought - Collection Site in Hillsborough

Supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are low due to the current public health crisis. As a result, Somerset County's Office of Emergency Management is asking 'nonessential' businesses to donate their PPE supplies for the benefit of RWJ University Hospital-Somerset and local first responders.

The types of PPE being requested include:

- Nitrile gloves (any size)
- Coveralls / tyvek suits / medical gowns (any sizes)
- Face shields / Goggles
- N95 masks
- P100 masks / Air Purifying Respirators

Only unexpired items will be accepted.

A drop off location will be set up at the Somerset County Public Works Garage, located at 410 Roycefield Rd., Hillsborough 08844. Drop offs will be accepted between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., starting Monday, March 23. Donations will be accepted through Friday, March 28.

All employees and volunteers working at the drop-off location will be practicing social distancing and maintaining a space of six feet or more. Donors are asked to observe the same precautions.

For more information, contact the Somerset County Office of Emergency Management at EmergencyMgmt@co.somerset.nj.us

Community Resources

- ShopRite of Hillsborough Special Hours to Seniors and At Risk Individuals
- <u>Hillsborough Food Establishments Updated Operation Hours and</u> Closures
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Business Resources
- Hillsborough Business Association (HBA) Facebook page
- New Jersey Department of Human Services has Coronavirus (COVID-19)
 material for those who are deaf or hard of hearing
- GRWDB Provides Unemployment Insurance Information
- Mary, Mother of God Church live stream Catholic Masses
- Neshanic Reformed Church live stream Sunday Morning Worship Service and video/audio chat of Wednesday Night Bible Study
- <u>Safe & Sound, Somerset</u> UPDATED INFO: <u>Safe & Sound Somerset Safety</u> Planning
- PSE&G Implements Operational Updates to Continue to Safeguard Customer and Employee Health
- Comcast Helps Keep Americans Connected to the Internet
- Comcast Internet Essentials

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