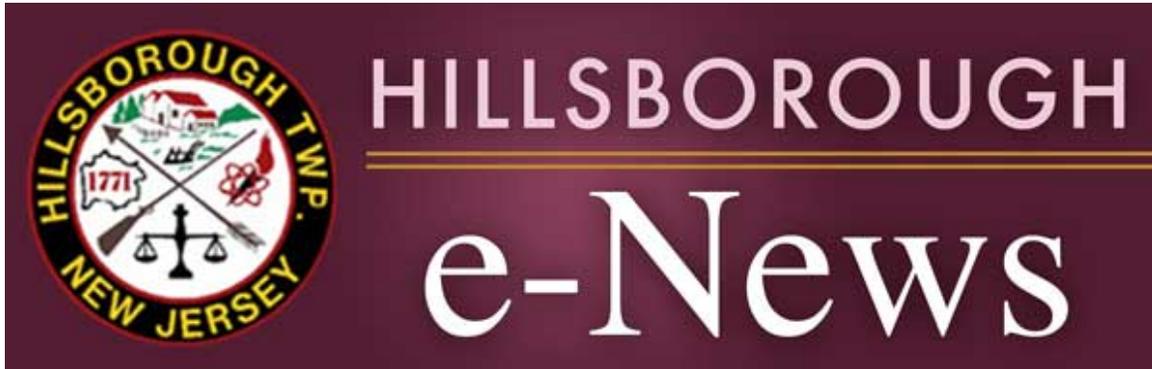


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Special Bulletin: COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday, April 30, 2020



COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Case Update

As of 4/30/2020 - 3 pm	Cases	Deaths
Somerset County	3,099	267
New Jersey	116,264	6,770
United States	1,005,147	57,505

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

Revised 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.

Age Range	# of Positive Cases
0-9	2
10-19	8
20-29	24
30-39	19
40-49	39
50-59	49
60-69	45
70-79	19
80-89	29
90-99	10
100+	1
Total Cases	245
Official Recovered	109
Deceased	27
Long Term Care / Assisted Living Facilities *	
Confirmed Cases	122
Confirmed Deceased	36

* 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

Somerset County and Hunterdon County, in collaboration with Raritan Valley Community College - [New Dates Announced](#)

[Due to anticipated inclement weather, COVID-19 testing at Raritan Valley Community College scheduled on Friday, May 1, has been canceled. Residents who had appointments on Friday will be switched to Tuesday, May 5th.](#)

[Next week, the testing site will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5th, and Thursday, May 7.](#) Testing will be by appointment only and a valid doctor's prescription is required.



Reminder to Take a Pledge

[Last Change to Take the Hillsborough Compost Challenge 2020 Pledge](#)

Make a difference and take the Hillsborough Compost Challenge by taking a pledge to compost in 2020! Complete the pledge by April 30th.



Sustainable Tip: Composting is a great way to turn what would otherwise go to the landfill as garbage in a beneficial product to use in your garden . [See the Sustainable Hillsborough Composting Guide for more information.](#)

Mayor Tomson Announces Task Force to Reopen Hillsborough

[Mayor Doug Tomson announced that he has assembled a Task Force to Reopen Hillsborough Township once the time comes when stay at home orders are lifted.](#)

"We have been operating under the Governor's stay at home Executive Order since March 21st, and although it appears it will remain in effect for the foreseeable future, I am assembling a Task Force to be in place to Reopen Hillsborough when the time comes. I looked to the various expertise in functional areas including health, public safety and business," stated Mayor Doug Tomson. [To see the entire Press Release.](#)



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.](#)

Municipal Court:

"Virtual Court" began this week with the Judge, Prosecutor, Defendants and Defendants Attorneys joining virtually at designated times. Anyone who has a

pending case, contact the court at 908-369-3532.

Recreation:

[Hillsborough Recreation Holding an 88.5K Virtual Challenge](#) for Hillsborough residents.

Challenge your family, friends, and neighbors to stay physically active and healthy! Social distancing is required! You can go to hillsboroughnjrecreation.org for more info or email questions to recreation@hillsborough-nj.org.

Finance / Tax Collector:

Those residents wishing to still make cash payments, Hillsborough Township will accept Cash Only Tax Payments. Residents are encouraged to mail in tax payments, place a check in the newly installed lockbox or submit payment online.

The **Tax Collector** will accept in person, CASH only tax payments at the Municipal Building on specific dates and times. In order to protect both the residents and employees, there are various precautionary measures that have been established in order for this service to be permitted. [To view the dates, times and precautionary measures.](#)

Update from the Tax Collector - taxes are due May 1st but the grace period to pay without interest or penalty has been extended until June 1st. Payments received after June 1st will incur interest charges.

Below are photos of Hillsborough Township Departments delivering the services that you have come to expect from Hillsborough Township.



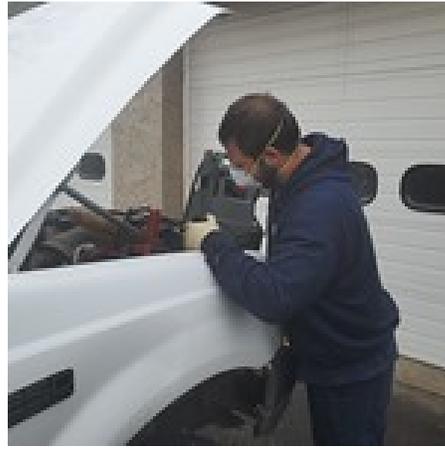
Municipal Court:
Judge Francesco Taddeo
conducting virtual court



Administration:
Mayor Doug Tomson and Deputy
Mayor Shawn Lipani preparing for
Township Committee Meeting



Building:
Building Inspector Harrison Wright
virtually working on a plan review



Public Works:
DPW Mechanic John Droumbakis
doing maintenance on township
vehicle

Updates, Closures and Cancellations

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

- [Economic & Business Development Commission will meet through Google Hangouts on May 4, 2020 at 6:30](#)

COVID-19 State Updates & Community Resources

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

- [Hillsborough YMCA - Information For Essential Personnel Child Care](#)
- [Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board launched Skill-Up Greater Raritan portal with access to hundreds of courses and much more.](#) On May 1st, a webinar will be held to learn about Skill-Up Greater Raritan - [to see webinar information](#). For log-in information, contact jcassano@co.somerset.nj.us or call 908-541-5785. Participant information also can be found on www.thegrwdb.org, under the date entries of the Calendar tab.
- The Communicable Disease Service has received many questions about animal health issues in the context of COVID-19. A "Frequently Asked Questions about Animal Health Issues During COVID-19 Pandemic" document has been posted on the [Veterinary Public Health page](#) under Additional Resources.

How Can I Help?

[Hillsborough Township Now Accepts Online Donations for the Community Assistance Network](#)

Effective immediately, online donations for Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) can now be made via the Township [website](#).

[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. [See list of needed items](#).

[Donate PPE](#)

[Register to Volunteer](#)

Hillsborough is Open for Business

Which of your favorite Hillsborough locations are **"Open for Business"** ?
Support Hillsborough's Local Businesses!



Other News

[Township Committee Declares April as National Autism Awareness Month](#)

At the April 14th meeting, the Township Committee declared April as National Autism Awareness Month. Autism is a Pervasive Developmental Disorder that manifests itself and affects the social, learning, and behavioral skills of those affected by it. [To see the entire article](#) .

[Hillsborough Middle School Band Competes in Rutgers Battle of the Bands](#)

The Hillsborough Middle School Band is competing for a spot to perform "The Bells Must Ring," Rutgers University's fight song, at a football game this fall. The band is one of five 2020 Finalists and need our support to help them win. Public voting will run until May 17th at the Marching Scarlet Knights [website](#). The school with the most votes will win! Let's support our Middle School Band by voting daily...each IP address or mobile device are able to vote once every 24 hours.



Storm Preparation:

- [JCP&L Offers Safety Tips for Customers to Prepare for Storm](#) and visit JCP&L's portal to check outage information in your community.
- [PSE&G Offers Safety Tips for Customers to Prepare for Storm](#) and visit PSE&G's portal to check outage information in your community.

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.

The dates for completing the Census has been extended due to the COVID-19 health emergency .

This Newsletter is brought to you by the Hillsborough Township Committee:

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