

Friday, May 15, 2020



HILLSBOROUGH e-News

Township News

[A Message from Mayor Doug Tomson...](#)

Hillsborough Township remains committed to the health and safety of our residents, employees and the general public. Throughout the current health emergency and in compliance with Executive Order 107, starting May 18, 2020 if a member of the public needs to gain access to a specific department at the Municipal Building for a critical need there are measures that have been put in place to allow for that access. There will be a questionnaire that will be completed over the phone to determine the need and if the matter cannot be resolved via email, the website or some other non-contact method. If it is deemed necessary, by the Department Head that physical access is the only solution, the request will be made to the Administrator. If approved by the Administrator, a date and time will be mutually agreed upon and the appointment will take place at the main entrance at the designated location. Upon entry a questionnaire will be completed regarding some basic contact questions relative to COVID-19. Please keep in mind, you must wear a facial covering or mask, gloves and your temperature will be taken. The Municipal Building will continue to provide limited access to the general public.

[See the Video Album of Hillsborough Township Employees 'Taking Care of Business' During COVID-19 Health Emergency](#)



[Join our Parks and Recreation](#)

Department in a Fun Game of Hillsborough Clue: Calling All Detectives and Junior Detectives!

The Parks & Recreation office has finally gotten tired of all the cancellations and delays in our regularly scheduled programs. It has led one of its staff members to go off the deep end and kill the evil Dr. Covid!

We need your help in identifying what Parks & Recreation employee finished off Dr. Covid, where they did it and what weapon they used.

For additional information along with a full list of suspects, weapons and locations please go to

www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org.

All are welcome to play, only those who are registered will be in the running for our random drawing! Take part in the mystery between May 15th.-June 5th.



CLUE Parks Edition

Can you solve the Murder Mystery?

Oh no! The quarantine has finally gotten to the Parks and Recreation Department! They are tired of all the cancellations and delays in their fun activities. Somebody snapped and killed the evil Dr. Covid who started this pandemic!



We need all Detectives and Junior Detectives to help us figure out this mystery. Which Parks and Recreation employee did it, where they did it and what weapon did they use?

2 - 3 clues have been hidden in the following parks -

- Ann Van Middlesworth Park
- Woodfield Park
- The Triangle Sports Complex
- The Municipal Soccer Complex
- The Mike Merdinger Memorial Trails on E. Mountain Rd
- Singley Park



Search for laminated picture clues that will mention either a suspect, weapon or location that wasn't used in the crime. Walk, run or bike the trails and paths to gather your evidence.



See our website for a list of possible suspects, weapons & locations. Use the list to keep track of your findings.

Once you figure out the mystery email your findings to recreation@hillsborough-nj.org

To take part in our Clue Game between May 15 - June 5 please register your family online at www.hillsboroughnjrecreation.org
Only registered families will be entered into a random raffle prize drawing.

Township Committee Declared May as National Mental Health Awareness Month

At the May 12th meeting, the Township Committee declared May as National Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental health illness can affect anyone and can develop at any time. One in 5 people will experience a mental illness during their lifetime and 1 in 25 adults in America live with a serious mental illness. It's effects spread well beyond the individual to family, friends and coworkers. Mental Health Awareness Month was established in 1949 to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and to stop the stigma associated with mental health. [Read more.](#)

Reminder from Township Clerk's Office

The June Primary has been postponed until July 7th. With the date of the primary change, deadlines have also changed - June 16th is the deadline to register to vote for the July Primary.

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. [Due dates to complete the census have been modified due to COVID-19 health emergency.](#)



Department of Public Works' Clean Up Drop Off Program

The Annual Clean-Up Program will take place at the Auten Road Site. The free program is offered to residents to allow them to dispose of unwanted items. Residents wishing to participate in any of the Department of Public Works programs must first

National Public Works Week is May 17th - May 23rd

The American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week since 1960. This is a week-long recognition of the efforts and importance of those who operate, improve and maintain public works and infrastructure. Next week we will be featuring daily posts in celebration of the 60th anniversary of this event.





HILLSBOROUGH'S FOOD BANK



C.A.N. we count on you?

The Hillsborough Community Assistance Network continues to rely on the local community to help your Hillsborough neighbors in need.

Items we are currently low on:		
Shampoo	Laundry Detergent	Deodorant
Conditioner	Dish Detergent	Razors
Bath Soap	Cleaning Products	Tissues

Items may be dropped off by the entrance to the Social Services Department.
Located across from the wooden Gazebo At the municipal complex
Monday thru Friday between 8:00am and 4:30pm.

Monetary donations can also be made by mailing in a check or going to hillsborough-nj.org



Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex
The Peter J. Biondi Building
379 South Branch Road
Hillsborough, NJ 08844
908-369-3880
Hillsborough-nj.org



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How C.A.N. we help you?

Are you currently facing financial difficulty?
Do you need assistance providing food for your family?
Through the generosity of the local community Hillsborough's C.A.N. is able to assist you by providing food during this time of uncertainty.
How are we able to do this?
We are able to provide non-perishable groceries and toiletry products.

To apply for services, please visit the Hillsborough-nj.org web site under Social Services you will find an application to print off and complete.
Or contact our office at the number below and one will be mailed to you.
Once completed, please call our office to schedule an appointment.
If you have any additional questions, please call our office at 908-369-3880
Monday through Friday from 8am - 4:30pm.



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[Greater Somerset County YMCA Branches Host Blood Drives to Meet Growing Need](#)

Greater Somerset County YMCA has partnered with health and rescue organizations including the American Red Cross and RWJBarnabas Health to hold critically needed blood drives at several of our branches throughout May.

[Raider Baseball Feeds RWJ-Somerset](#)

The 2020 Hillsborough High School Raiders Baseball season was slated to be one to remember. Led by Coach Eric Eden, the team of nine seniors and eleven returning Varsity players was looking to improve on 2019's Skylands Conference Championship with a County Championship, and a run to a State Championship. Covid-19 put those goals on hold! But while the team was safe in their homes anxiously awaiting a call to "play ball" that never came, the staff at RWJ-Somerset was out there putting their own safety aside for the care & well-being of others. [Read more.](#)

[Hepatitis A Vaccination Reminder](#)

A reminder to individuals who were vaccinated in November 2019, following the potential Hepatitis A exposure at the Somerville ShopRite, that it's time to contact their healthcare provider for a second dose. [Read more.](#)

[Hillsborough High School Field Hockey Team's Homework Helpers Offering Free Tutoring \(click here for more information\)](#)

Online school has its advantages and disadvantages. In efforts to help out younger students who are having difficulties adapting to online school, the Hillsborough High School Field Hockey team is volunteering their time to tutor, read stories and answer school-related questions to younger kids via email and google meet. The team is available to help out grades K-8. The team has girls who are skilled in Math, Science, History and English. [Read more.](#)

[Last Day to Order is Saturday May 16th!](#) **[All Six Hillsborough Elementary School HSA's Work Together to Raise Money for Hillsborough Non-Profits](#)**

The Elementary School HSA's are working to help give back to the community during this time of need. They are selling non-medical face masks that are reusable and made from 100% US cotton. It is a washable, breathable and a very comfortable mask with tie straps in back to tie at your comfort level. Printed in the USA with super soft water-based inks. The purchase of a mask will help you keep others safe, while supporting the local Non-Profit Organizations that need our support! 100% of the proceeds from the purchase of each mask will be split evenly between the Hillsborough Food Pantry (C.A.N.) and Safe+Sound Somerset (Domestic Violence Help). Show your support for Hillsborough! [Orders are due by May 16th.](#)

[Last Day to Order is May 17th!](#) **[Woodfern Elementary School Home and School Association Holds Fundraiser for Hillsborough C.A.N.](#)**

Woodfern Elementary School Home and School Association (HSA) is selling #BoroStrong T-shirts to raise money to buy groceries for needy families in town. 100% of the proceeds from each sale will go directly to the Hillsborough C.A.N. [Order your #BoroStrong T-Shirt by May 17th.](#) Also, see Woodfern School HSA's fundraising efforts [featured on News12 New Jersey](#)

[Reminder Voting Closes May 17th!](#) [Support Hillsborough Middle School Band as They Compete 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.

[Last Day to Order is May 18th!](#) [HHS Baseball & Softball Holding a Fundraiser for the Hillsborough C.A.N. Food Pantry](#)

HHS Baseball and Softball are missing the season but they wanted to give back to our community for all the support they've shown over the years. They are selling t-shirts for the "season we were ALWAYS SAFE at home." All proceeds from the t-shirt sale will benefit the Hillsborough C.A.N. food pantry. [Shirts are \\$10 each and are on sale until Monday, May 18th at this website.](#)

Hillsborough Township is in the process of upgrading its website. As the new site rolls out, some pages may be inaccessible for a short period of time. We appreciate your patience and look forward to bringing you a new and improved [Hillsborough-nj.com](#).

COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Case Update

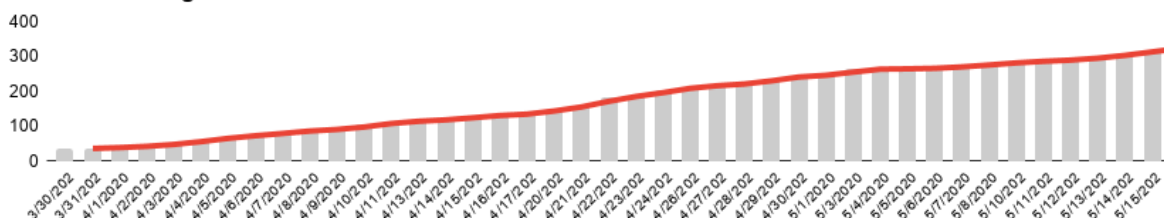
	Hillsborough	Millstone	Somerset County	New Jersey	United States
CASES	319	2	3,682	143,905	1,384,930
DEATHS	36	NA	357	10,138	83,947
RECOVERED	148	NA	NA	NA	NA

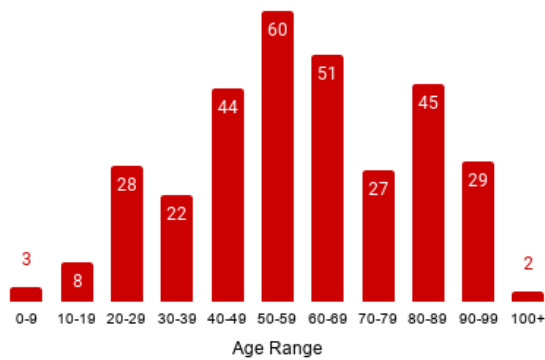
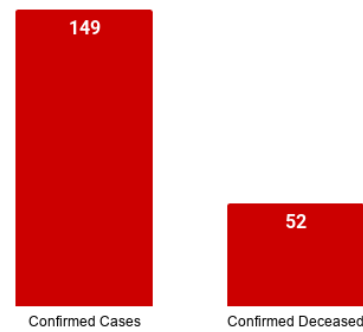
Breakdown of Hillsborough Township Cases As Reported by Hillsborough Township Health Department

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.

Total Hillsborough Cases*



Positive Hillsborough Township Cases by Age Range**Hillsborough Long Term Care/Assisted Living Facilities**

* 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


[Testing at Raritan Valley College \(RVCC\) Continues on May 19th and May 21st](#)

COVID-19 Testing Continues for Somerset County residents at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) on Tuesday May 19th and Thursday May 21st. Testing will be by appointment only and a valid doctor's prescription is required. Testing site will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

[Zufall Health Center in conjunction with the Somerset County Department of Health are providing a COVID-19 testing clinic](#)

COVID-19 testing clinic will be held on Monday May 18th at the North Plainfield Municipal Lot located at 89-90 Somerset Street in North Plainfield. Testing is by appointment only for people with COVID-19 symptoms or people who were exposed to COVID-19. Priority will be given to underserved either established Zufall patients or individuals without a primary care provider. Individuals can be uninsured, insured, documented or not. For further information or questions, please call Zufall Health Center at 908-526-2335.

COVID-19 testing clinic with Zuffall Health and Somerset County

 For people with COVID-19 symptoms or people who were exposed to COVID-19.
Monday, May 18, 2020 9am – 5pm
North Plainfield Municipal Lot
89-90 Somerset Street, North Plainfield NJ


Individuals need to call 908-526-2335 to make a telemedicine appointment prior to Monday to be eligible.
 Insured or Uninsured. Documented or Not.

Priority will be given to:
 Underserved individuals • Established Zuffall patients • Individuals without a primary care provider (PCP)

Medicaid and Medicare will be accepted, and limited commercial insurance plans.
 If your insurance plan requires selection of a primary care provider you will need to change your provider to Zuffall to be eligible for testing at this event.

This clinic will NOT do return to work testing if you already tested positive or recovered from the illness.

Clínica de prueba para COVID-19 de Zuffall Health y el Condado de Somerset

 Para personas con síntomas de COVID-19 o personas que estuvieron expuestas a COVID-19
Lunes 18 de mayo de 2020 9am – 5pm
Lote municipal
89-90 Somerset St, North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Para ser elegible, individuos necesitan llamar al 908-526-2335 para hacer una cita de telemedicina antes del lunes.
 Con seguro o sin seguro, documentado o indocumentado

Se le dará prioridad a:
 • Individuos de escasos recursos
 • Pacientes establecidos de Zuffall
 • Individuos sin un proveedor de cuidados primario (PCP)

Medicaid y Medicare serán aceptados, y un número limitado de planes de seguros comerciales.
 Si su plan de seguro requiere un proveedor de cuidados primario, usted necesitará cambiar su proveedor a Zuffall, y así poder ser elegible para la prueba en este evento.

En esta clínica No se hará la prueba para regresar al trabajo si usted ya tuvo un resultado positivo, o si ya se recuperó de la enfermedad.



Hillsborough Township Municipal Services Open to Residents and Businesses

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.](#)

Finance / Tax Collector Update:

Effective Tuesday May 12th, the schedule for in person CASH only tax payments will be Tuesday, from 9 to noon, and Thursday, from 1 to 4.

Please keep in mind that taxes were due May 1st, however the grace period has been extended until June 1st (the last day of the grace period) and cash payment will be accepted that day from 9 am to 3 pm.

As always, you can still pay your tax by check via the mail or dropping it in the lockbox at the Police Department or [online payment](#).

Updates, Closures and Cancellations

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

- Credit Card Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Monday May 18th using virtual technology - [to see notification and meeting instructions](#)

COVID-19 State Updates & Community Resources

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

[Operation Secure Shred to Be Held on May 16th - Free Document Shredding for Residents](#)

[NJ Motor Vehicle Commission Adds More Online Services](#)

NJMVC announced it has added to its growing offering of web-based transactions, expanding the types of vehicles eligible for online registration renewals and

replacements. A [full list](#) is available at [NJMVC.gov](#).

Contact Tracing Opportunity

Are you interested in assisting NJ's contact tracing efforts? [Register at the NJ COVID-19 Information Hub website](#) and be notified when opportunities become available.

Somerset County Library System of NJ (SCLSNJ) offers virtual programs on its [website](#). You can also view programs on [SCLSNJ YouTube](#) channel. SCLSNJ Expands Virtual Reference Service in English and Spanish Languages and Text Options. [See "Ask a Librarian" on the SCLSNJ website for details.](#)

See Weekly COVID-19 Message from Dr. Lisa Antunes, Superintendent of Schools

Hillsborough YMCA - Information For Essential Personnel Child Care

How Can I Help?

Hillsborough Township Now Accepts Online Donations for the Community Assistance Network

Donations to the Hillsborough Community Assistance Network (C.A.N.) can now be made [online](#). Donation of items are also accepted - [see list of most needed items](#).

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.

[Register to Volunteer](#)

Hillsborough is Open for Business

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



How To Contact Your State Officials

Governor Phil Murphy
phone #: 609-292-6000
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line
mailing address: Office of Governor, PO Box 001, Trenton NJ 08625

Senator Bob Menendez
phone #: 973-645-3030
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phone #: 908-547-3307
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Senator Christopher "Kip" Bateman
phone #: 908-526-3600
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line
mailing address: 36 East Main Street, Somerville NJ 08876

Assemblyman Roy Freiman
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