

Tuesday, June 2, 2020



# HILLSBOROUGH e-News

## Township News

### [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.

### [C.A.N. Receives Emergency Relief Grant from Griswold Home Care](#)

Hillsborough Township's Community Assistance Network (CAN) received a grant from Griswold Home Care of Somerset County for its work to combat an increase in food insecurity due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The money was awarded through the Jean Griswold Foundation's Griswold Gives COVID-19 Emergency Relief Program, which supports senior-focused nonprofits facing a lack of funding, resources and volunteers due to the Pandemic.

"During such uncertain times, it's important to lend a hand to local nonprofits serving the growing number of people in need – especially seniors," said Ted Dzvileski, Director of Griswold Home Care of Somerset County, which is located in Hillsborough. "We're very much a part of the local community and the neighbors of the families we serve. That's why, on behalf of the Jean Griswold Foundation, we are very proud to support our Township's CAN." [Read more.](#)



Mr. Ted Dzvileski, Director, Griswold Home Care of Somerset County, outside his offices in Hillsborough.

### [NJ American Water Tips for Wise Water Use](#)

- **Reuse it.** Use water from rain barrels and kiddie pools for watering lawn and gardens.
- **Embrace the bucket!** Instead of using a running hose, use water contained in a bucket for washing cars and pets, and rinsing sandy/grassy feet.
- **Timing is everything.** Only water during the coolest parts of the day (early morning or evening) to minimize evaporation. Also, be aware of which plants don't need to be watered every day.
- **Odd/Even Watering of your lawn.** Watering your lawn uses a lot of water, so only water your lawn when it needs it. Generally, lawns only need an inch or so of water per week.
- **Rain delay.** Watch weather forecast to avoid "Mother Nature" re-watering your garden, which could also damage plants.
- **Pick your plants wisely.** Purchase varieties that require less water and remain hearty in drier weather. And don't forget to mulch (only 2-3") to help with water retention.
- **Be a leak detective.** Find and fix leaks and breaks in hoses, sprinkler systems and pipes. For help, download New Jersey American Water's [Leak Detection Kit](#).
- **Raise the blade.** Raise the level of your lawnmower blade to avoid lawn burnout

and the need for watering.

- **Keep an eye out.** Watch your sprinkler's "sweep" to make sure all the water is reaching vegetation that needs it and not the pavement! Check this frequently in case a person or animal has accidentally redirected your sprinkler.

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## [Updates from the Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance](#)

[Upcoming virtual programs will be held on June 3rd and June 9th. For information on registration.](#)

- June 3rd: The Partnership for A Drug-Free NJ presenting 15 Minute Child Break
- June 9th: Somerset County hosting a Narcan training



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[Parents Who Host - reminder for parents about the consequences of serving underage kids as the summer/grad season approaches.](#)

For the safety of your children and our community, please keep this in mind as you celebrate this accomplishment.



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## [Greater Somerset County Virtual 5K Walk/Run](#)

Go the (social) distance with Greater Somerset County YMCA's 5K Virtual Walk and Run. Go whenever you want, wherever you want between May 30-June 6 and post your time and pictures on social media using the hashtag #GSCYMCA5K. Use any running app to calculate your distance and time (5K equals 3.1 miles). Let's celebrate what we can do, and the health we have! [Registration is required. sign-up by May 29th.](#)



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## [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.](#)

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## [Changes Being Made to BoroSAFE](#)

Since May is Mental Health Awareness Month, it's the perfect time to let you know about some important changes to BoroSAFE. In addition to educating everyone about suicide awareness and prevention, they are expanding their focus to encompass the whole continuum of mental health issues. [For more information.](#)

## 24/7 Resources:

[Crisistextline.org](http://Crisistextline.org) Text HOME to 741741  
2nd Floor Youth Helpline (call or text) 888-222-2228  
National Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
Always call 911 in case of emergency

# UNDERBOROSAFE

suicide awareness for everyone • 1-800-273-TALK



Hey Hillsborough! Since May is Mental Health Awareness Month, it's the perfect time to let you know about some important changes to BorosSAFE. In addition to educating everyone about suicide awareness and prevention, we are expanding our focus to encompass the whole continuum of mental health issues.

**\*NEW\***

**Our Mission:**  
BorosSAFE is a community collaborative with an aim to provide access to mental health resources, emotional well-being best practices, and suicide prevention resources across the entire Hillsborough Community.

**Our Goal:**  
To proactively connect our community with resources so that we can all care for our emotional well-being, no matter where on the mental health continuum we may fall.

• Please look for us at future events in the surrounding community! • We will be able to provide you with many resources and information! • Website launches: Coming soon!  
• Contact: Chad Berman & Kristen Saleeba (co-chairpersons) [BorosSAFE@gmail.com](mailto:BorosSAFE@gmail.com) •

**Mental Health Resources:**

- National Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Mental Health America
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- Crisistextline.org Text HOME to 741741
- 2nd Floor Youth Helpline (call or text) 888-222-2228

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](http://Hillsborough-nj.com).

## Hillsborough is Open for Business

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



## Somerset County News

[County Provides COVID-19 Online Resource Center](#)

[Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board - Free Online Resources Help Residents Hone Virtual](#)

[Somerset County June Recycling Schedule](#)

[Closures Extended for County-Operated Senior Centers](#)

[County Transportation to Phase-In Services June 1st](#)

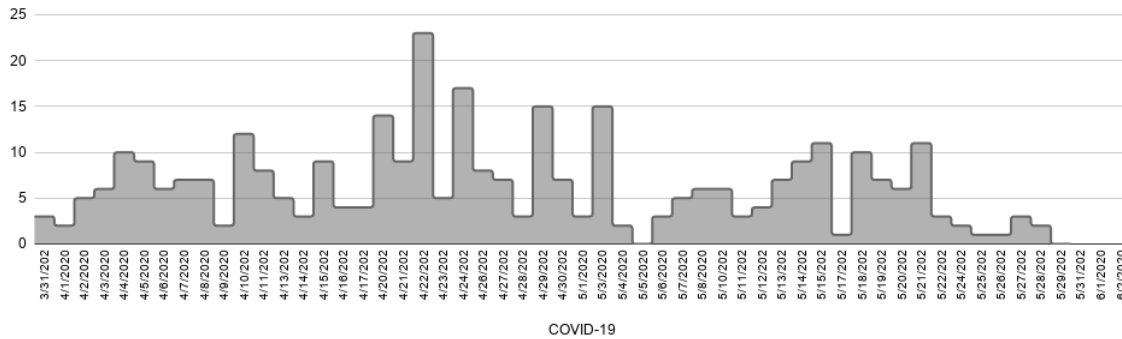
## COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Case Update

[COVID-19 Case Information is updated daily on the Township website](#)

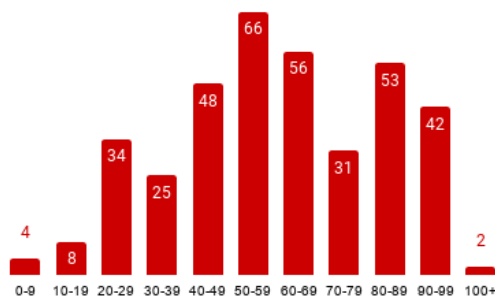
	Hillsborough	Millstone	Somerset County	New Jersey	United States
<b>CASES</b>	369	2	4,059	161,545	1,802,470
<b>DEATHS</b>	52	NA	419	11,770	105,157
<b>RECOVERED</b>	182	NA	NA	NA	NA

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

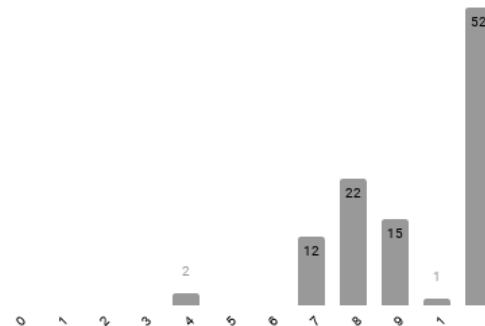
Daily Case Count



Positive Hillsborough Township Cases by Age Range



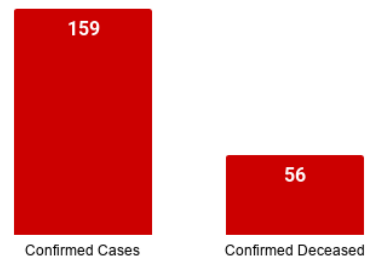
Deceased by Age Range



#### Disclaimer:

Please be advised that the numbers posted here 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.

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 June 4th](#)

COVID-19 Testing Continues for Somerset County residents at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) on Thursday, June 4th. 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 Providing Free COVID-19 Testing Clinic on June 3rd](#)

Zufall Health Center in conjunction with the Somerset County Department of Health is providing a free COVID-19 testing clinic on Wednesday June 3, 2020, at the Franklin Township Middle School, Hamilton Street Campus located at 415 Francis Street in Somerset. To register, please call Zufall Health Center at 908-526-2335 before June 3rd. [For more information.](#)

**FREE COVID-19 Testing Clinic**  
by Zufall Health,  
Franklin Township & Somerset County

 **Wednesday, June 3, 2020**  
9am – 5pm  
**Franklin Township Middle School**  
**Hamilton Street Campus**  
415 Francis St, Somerset, NJ 08873

Call 908-526-2335 to register  
before June 3<sup>rd</sup>

NEW PATIENTS WELCOME.  
Insured or Uninsured. Documented or Not.

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

Medicaid and Medicare will be accepted, and limited commercial insurance plans.

Free face masks will be available. 



## *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 to the public. [See the full list of services.](#)

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



Parks and Recreation:  
Parks' Ernesto Gonzalez, Brian Staats  
and Cody Woodrick doing tree work at  
Lorien Bike Path



Assessor:  
Field Inspector Linda Hadley performing a  
re-assessment inspection

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[See Hillsborough Township Public Works Department's "We Are Public Works" Video](#)



## Meeting Updates, Cancellations and Closures

Due to the Governor's Executive Orders and pursuant to P.L. 2020, c.11, all Township meetings will be held using virtual technology and the public may only participate in meetings remotely. Please [visit the calendar](#) on our municipal website for meeting dates, cancellations, updates and instructions.

## COVID-19 State Updates & Community Resources

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

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[Hillsborough YMCA - Information For Essential Personnel Child Care](#)

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### [PIONEER Family Success Center](#)

The Pioneer Family Success Center is a program of EmPoWER Somerset, a nonprofit organization. We offer the community a gathering place, connect families to helpful resources in Somerset County, NJ and bring families together through free events, programs & local activities. [For June Events](#).

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### [Safe + Sound Somerset](#)

Safe+Sound Somerset is a team of dedicated and qualified diverse professionals and volunteers sharing a



commitment to empowering survivors and engaging the community to end abuse.

### [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.

### [Click here for updates from Somerset County Library System of NJ \(SCLSNJ\)](#)

### [For Weekly COVID-19 Message from Dr. Lisa Antunes, Superintendent of Schools](#)

## How Can I Help?

### [Click here for information on Hillsborough Township's Community Assistance Network \(C.A.N.\) Program](#)

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](#)

## Contacting Your State and County Officials

### [Click here for information on contacting NJ State and Somerset County Officials](#)

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