

Tuesday, May 26, 2020



HILLSBOROUGH e-News

Traffic Advisory

The following locations will have road work, with single lane closures and alternating traffic:

- Brooks Boulevard - Wednesday
- East Mountain Road - Wednesday
- Camplain Road - Thursday

Please exercise caution while traveling through construction areas and expect delays.

Township News

Message from Mayor Doug Tomson Regarding the May 26th Township Committee Meeting

May 26 , 2020 Township Committee Meeting - Public Access

On Tuesday, May 26, 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 will be set up to allow the public to participate via telephone.

Meeting Agenda can be found on the [public portal](#)

Viewing/Listening Methods:

- YouTube Livestream: <https://youtu.be/3HYssDzl0S0>
- Dial-in time: May 26, 2020 at 7:30 PM
- Dial-in: 888-204-5987 or 602-333-2017 and Enter Meeting Code: 2604706

Public Comments Methods:

Public Comment can ONLY be made via:

- The conference bridge by dialing 888-204-5987 or 602-333-2017, enter the meeting code: 2604706
- Email Mayor@hillsborough-nj.org (All emails must be received by 6:45 pm on May 26, 2020)

Please remember to clearly state your name and address for the record or include it in the email as it will be read into the record.

The Livestream will be view only mode and no comments will be accepted through the chat via Livestream.

Dial-in participants will initially be muted and should listen for instructions when it is their turn to speak during any public comment periods.

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.

Update from Social Services:

Items may be dropped off, Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, by the entrance to the Social Services Department located across from the wooden gazebo at the Municipal Complex.



Updated 5/22/20

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:

Stuffing	Snacks	Laundry Detergent
Mashed Potatoes	Breakfast Bars	Dish Detergent
Pasta Sides	Canned Fruit	Cleaning Products
Hamburger Helper	Boxed Spaghetti	Cleaning Sponges

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
908-368-3890
[Hillsborough-nj.org](https://hillsborough-nj.org)

Update from Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Department:

Just a reminder, in an effort to protect individuals safety and well being, the following facilities remain closed: all Hillsborough Township playgrounds, athletic courts and fields, the skate park and the dog park. Tennis courts are open.

Bathroom facilities are available at Singley Park, Ann Van Middlesworth Park, Docherty Park, Woodfield Park West, Woodfield Park East, Amsterdam Park, Municipal Soccer Field (by the parking lot), Ottos Park and Country Classics Park. Please remember to practice social distancing.

Also...don't forget to join our virtual programs like the 88.5K Challenge or Hillsborough Clue Game! Go to hillsboroughnjrecreation-nj.org and look under Virtual Programs for more information.

Sustainable Tip of the Week:

Reusing items like clothes, tools, furniture and other homewares is an easy and effective method of reducing waste and saving money. Check out the DEP Bureau of Sustainability's May Infographic for tips on how to reuse and repair goods so you can keep these items out of landfills and money in your pocket! For more information, check out the [DEP's Source Reduction resource page](#).

Also don't forget to....



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF MOBILE SOURCES

A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

TURN OFF YOUR ENGINE

When waiting for curbside pickup, or to enter a store, turn off your vehicle's engine. Idling is **ILLEGAL** in NJ, and can cost you money!
#StopTheSoot



@DriveCleanNJ



Reminders from Hillsborough Police Department:

Be Aware Of Contact Tracing Scams

State and Local Officials are warning residents to be aware of contact tracing scams. In no instance would a legitimate contact tracing analyst ask you for your social security number nor your bank information. Therefore, if that information is attempted to be ascertained by a Contact Tracer DO NOT PROVIDE IT, as that is a scam.

In the case of a legitimate Contact Tracer Analyst reaching out to you the type of information they would be obtaining would be related to your symptoms, who you have been in contact with, including where you work and who you live with.

Again, do not provide your Social Security Number nor your banking information to anyone over the telephone.

A Contact Tracer Analyst would not TEXT you either. If you receive those types of TEXT messages, delete them.

For more information regarding contact tracing, visit the New Jersey [Website](https://covid19.nj.gov/search.html?query=contact+tracing+scam) at <https://covid19.nj.gov/search.html?query=contact+tracing+scam>

Also, below is a link to a recent article about this:

<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/05/beware-of-coronavirus-contact-tracing-scams-nj-officials-warn-thousands-of-fraud-cases-reported.html>



Update from the Building Department:

Any pool capable of holding 24" or more of water requires Building and Zoning Permits, pool barrier, etc. If new Electrical outlets or power feed needs to be installed to run the filter, then an Electrical Permit is also required. [For Building Department website.](#)

Update from Department of Public Works:

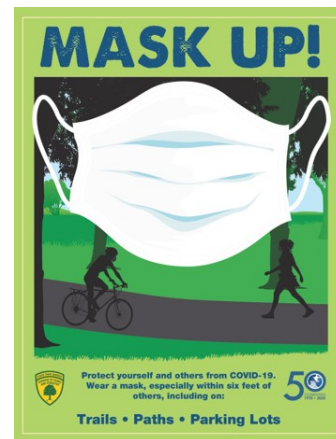
[The Annual Clean-Up Program](#) will take place at the Auten Road Site. The free program is offered to residents to allow them to dispose of unwanted items. Residents wishing to participate in any of the Department of Public Works programs must first sign up for the Public Works Membership Program.

Some operational safety changes are being made to facilitate the social distancing requirements. Masks will be required to enter the Auten road facility, residents not complying with this request will be turned away. The facility will be open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. People scheduled to participate in the program will receive an email in advance of their date with any new changes and safety requirements.

[The Senior Curbside pick up program](#) will take place during the month of July starting on the 6th. Complete detailed information on this program will be made

available on the Public Works link off of the township [website](#). If you have previously participated in this program you will receive a post card in your regular mail asking you to confirm your registration either by phone or email.

Remember to Mask Up!



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.](#)



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.](#)

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](#) 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

UNDER BORO SAFE CONSTRUCTION

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

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NEW

Our Mission:
BoroSAFE 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 relaunch: Coming soon!
• Contact: Chad Berman & Kristen Salekta (co-chairpersons): BoroSAFE@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

Somerset County News

[Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off May 30th - Safely Dispose of Harmful Items](#)

Residents can drop off their items at the scheduled drop-off event on Saturday, May 30th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the South County Public Works Garage, located at 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough. A complete listing of recyclable items, recycling drop-off events and much more is available at www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle.

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

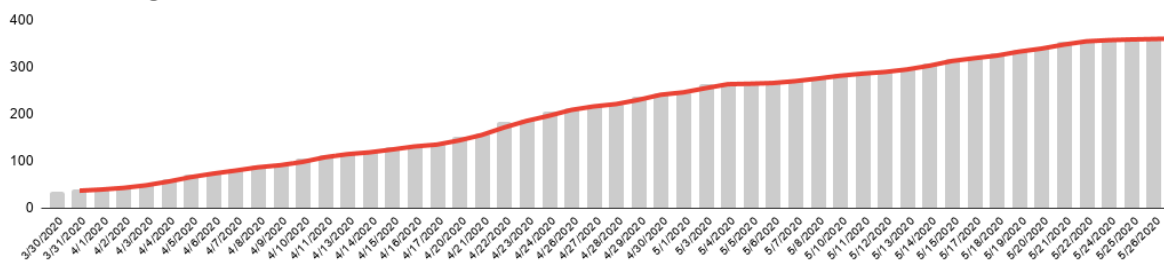
[Youth Leadership Somerset Accepting Applications Empowering Youth to Lead with Purpose](#)

COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Case Update

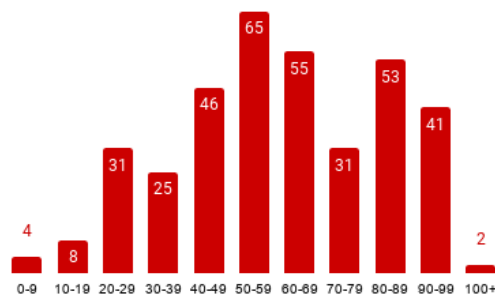
	Hillsborough	Millstone	Somerset County	New Jersey	United States
CASES	361	2	3,936	155,764	1,662,414
DEATHS	51	NA	401	11,191	98,261
RECOVERED	173	NA	NA	NA	NA

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

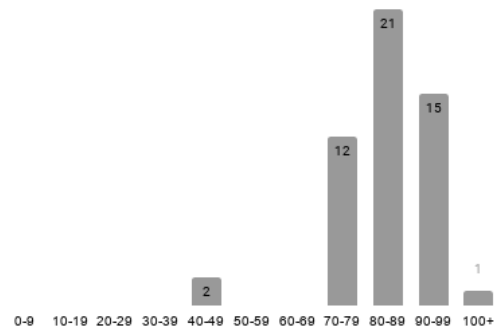
Total Hillsborough Cases*



Positive Hillsborough Township Cases by Age Range



Deceased by Age Range

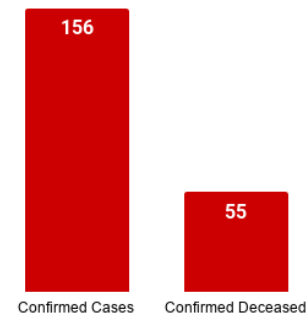


Disclaimer:

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.

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 28th, June 2nd and June 4th](#)

COVID-19 Testing Continues for Somerset County residents at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) on Thursday, May 28th, Tuesday, June 2nd and 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.



*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:

The schedule for in person CASH only tax payments will be Tuesdays, from 9 am until noon, and Thursdays, from 1 pm until 4 pm.

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](#).

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



Parks:
Mike Holodinski weeding the Garden of Honor at the Municipal Complex



Public Works:
DPW's Blair DeRoner striping the Municipal Complex parking lot

[See Hillsborough Township Police Department's "We're Here For You" Video](#)



Updates, Closures and Cancellations

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

- Board of Adjustment meeting will be held on June 3rd using virtual technology - [for meeting information and instructions](#)

COVID-19 State Updates & Community Resources

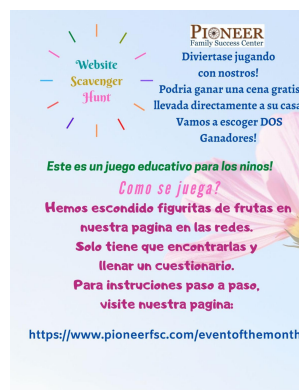
For a full list of COVID-19 Resources, visit the Hillsborough Township [COVID-19 Information Page](#)

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

[PSE&G Encourages Eligible Customers to Apply For Assistance In Paying Utility Bills](#)

[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.](#)



[Safe + Sound Somerset - Ask Ava Podcasts](#)

Episode 8: Blackmail in Teen Relationships



[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.](#)

[#BeSafeAtHome While Exploring the Benefits of Art and Creative Endeavors for Youths](#): Art can keep your children, tweens, and teens entertained, but, more importantly, art can reduce stress and benefit an adolescent's emotional development

and growth. The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey (SCLSNJ) has a robust suite of services to help youths be creative, inspired, and curious while still remaining encouraged in their education pursuits. [Read more.](#)

[See Update from SCLSNJ Taking Precautions](#)

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

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!

[View the Latest Episode 6 of Hillsborough Open for Business](#)



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
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line
mailing address: One Gateway Center Suite 1100, Newark NJ 07102

Senator Cory Booker
phone #: 973-639-8700
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line
mailing address: One Gateway Center 23rd Floor, Newark NJ 07102

Congressman Tom Malinowski
phone #: 908-547-3307
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line
mailing address: 75-77 N Bridge St, Somerville, NJ 08876

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
phone #: 908-829-4191
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line
mailing address: 390 Amwell Road Suite 301, Hillsborough NJ 08844

Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker
phone #: 732-823-1684
email address: click [here](#) to contact on-line
mailing address: 1 Deer Park Drive Suite D-1, Monmouth Junction NJ 08852

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