

Thursday, July 2, 2020



# HILLSBOROUGH e-News



Municipal Offices will be  
Closed on Friday July 3rd  
in Observance of  
Independence Day

Mayor Doug Tomson and the  
Township Committee wish everyone  
a safe July 4th weekend

## Township News

### Township Playgrounds Open July 2nd

Amid the lifting of restrictions, playgrounds were permitted to be open on July 2nd. Visitors to Township playgrounds are asked to keep good hygiene practices in mind, which include but are not limited to the following:

- Stay home if you are sick or feeling sick
- Practice social distancing
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Wash / sanitize your hands often
- Avoid touching your face
- Wear a mask or facial covering, unless age or health concerns indicate otherwise



The following Township playgrounds are available:

- Castle Park at the Municipal Complex
- Ann Van Middlesworth
- Woodfield Park
- Docherty Park
- Lewis Street Park
- Flagg Way
- Amsterdam Park
- Flagtown Park

### Township Municipal Complex Opens July 6th

After several months of the Peter J. Biondi Municipal Building being closed to the public amid the COVID-19 public health crisis, the building will re-open to the public on Monday, July 6th at 8 am. There will be safety precautions in place to protect both the public and the employees of the facility. Visitors are required to wear a mask or other facial covering. Visitors are reminded to practice social distancing of at least 6 feet apart and will be required to sign in the visitor entry log, located at the main entrance of



the building.

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms or have experienced these symptoms in the last 72 hours, please do not enter this building:

- Have a fever or feel feverish
- Cough (unrelated to allergies)
- Shortness of breath
- Unusual fatigue
- New loss of sense of taste or smell
- Worsening / consistent headaches
- Unusual muscle pain
- Sore throat (unrelated to allergies)
- Diarrhea
- Nausea
- Vomiting

Visitors are reminded that all services are available online or by calling the respective departments. Although we miss having our residents and visitors in the building, we are asking your help in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and adhering to the above requirements.

At this time, the Senior Activity Center remains closed.

The hours of operation for the Peter J. Biondi Municipal Building will be Monday - Friday, 8 am until 4:30 pm until further notice.

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### **Outdoor Dining Blossoms in Hillsborough Amid Pandemic - 18 Local Food Establishments are Offering Outdoor Dining**

Whether you have travel plans for the upcoming holiday weekend or are staying local, options for outdoor dining in Hillsborough run the gamut in variety. Last month Township Officials assisted local food establishments through the temporary outdoor dining permit process resulting in 18 local food establishments offering outdoor dining as an option in addition to carry out and delivery.

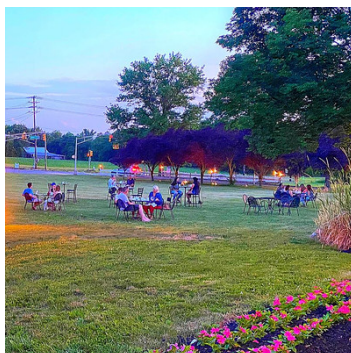
“Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been creative in supporting our local businesses and when Executive Order 150 permitted outdoor dining, our Township Departments collaboratively fast tracked temporary permits to further assist our business community,” stated Mayor Doug Tomson.

Be sure to visit the Township website Guide to Restaurants at <https://hillsborough.311.town/#Restaurants> to see where you can dine al fresco, carry out or have delivery.

“Support our local businesses and dine local,” concluded Mayor Tomson.



Cafe Graziella



The Landings



Joe's Pizzeria & Restaurant

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### **Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Announcements**

#### **Summer Scrimmage Series**

Sign up today for our Summer Scrimmage Series for



non competitive and low key soccer and softball games. Registration deadline is July 16th. [To register.](#)



### Summer In-Person / Virtual Programs

Hillsborough Parks & Recreation is proud to begin offering in person/virtual programs such as Art in the Park, Hip-Hop Dance, Bricks 4 Kidz and many more with registration starting today June 19th, at 5:00 pm.

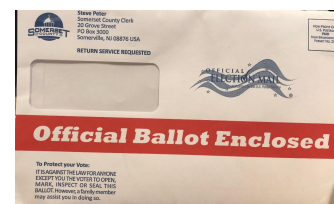
Residents can now sign up for both virtual and in person programs. Continue to check the Parks & Recreation [website](#) and social media accounts for future release dates and information.



## 2020 Primary Election Information

### Somerset County 2020 Primary Election Updates

- Per Executive Order 144, registered, active, Democrats and Republicans will be mailed ballots automatically. Unaffiliated and Inactive voters will be mailed a special application that they can use if they would like to receive a ballot for the July 7th Primary. That application can also be [printed here](#) and mailed.
- [Somerset County Clerk Launches 'How to Vote by Mail' Video.](#)
- [For additional election information from Somerset County.](#)



### Additional Primary Election Updates:

- The Primary will be held on July 7th.
- All registered Democratic voters will receive a Democratic Mail In Ballot, with pre-paid postage.
- All registered Republican voters will receive a Republican Mail In Ballot, with pre-paid postage.
- All registered unaffiliated and inactive voters will receive a Mail In Ballot Application, with pre-paid postage.
- To receive the ballot by mail, the application must be received by the *County Clerk* seven (7) days prior to the election. A voter may also return the application in person to the *County Clerk* until Election Day, but the voted ballot must be returned by 8 pm.
- The *County Clerk* cannot accept faxed or emailed copies of a Application for Vote by Mail Ballot, unless you are a Military or Overseas Voter, since an original signature is required.
- There are only 3 polling locations for this Primary in Hillsborough - the Municipal Building, Mary, Mother of





God Church and Auten Road School.

- All other voters who visit a polling location will be required to vote on a provisional ballot.
- In person voting will be via provisional ballot only, unless the voter is visually impaired or otherwise certifies to a disability which requires an accessible voting machine.
- Please visit the state website at <https://www.nj.gov/state/elections> for more information.

#### **Returning Primary Election Voted Mail-In Ballots:**

- There is a drop box for ballots just outside the front entrance of the Hillsborough Municipal Building.
- There will also be drop boxes located in [several locations throughout the County](#).
- All voted ballots must be in a drop box, delivered to Board of Elections, by 8:00 pm on Election Day.
- Voted ballots can be mailed to the Board of Elections at 20 Grove Street in Somerville - they must be postmarked by 8:00 pm on Election Day.
- Voted Mail In Ballots will not be accepted at the Polling locations.



#### **Somerset County Clerk Announces Extended Hours Clerk to Assist Voters with Obtaining Ballots Prior To July 7 Primaries**

The Somerset County Clerk's office will hold extended hours leading up to the July 7 Democratic and Republican primaries to issue vote-by-mail ballots, including being open on Friday, July 3. Any eligible voter who has not cast a ballot in this primary election can come to the Somerset County Administration Building at 20 Grove Street in Somerville during office hours to request and obtain a ballot. [Read more.](#)

#### **Food Distribution Event for Any Hillsborough Resident To Be Held On July 15th**

This event has been made possible by the generosity of Atlantic Rehabilitation Institute and Derstine's in collaboration with Hillsborough Township and the Community Assistance Network. The event will be held on Wednesday, July 15th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am or until the items run out. It will take place at the Willow Road Complex on Willow Road directly across from Valinor Rd. [On-line registration is required](#). Seniors may register by calling the Social Services Department at 908-369-3880.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENT**  
Open to any Hillsborough Township resident

**Wednesday July 15, 2020**  
**9:00 am - 11:00am**  
or until the items run out

•Registration required  
•This is a no contact event  
•Items will be placed directly in your vehicle's trunk  
•Residency will be verified at the time of pickup by showing your drivers license  
Visit the Hillsborough Township web page at [hillsborough-nj.org](https://www.hillsborough-nj.org)  
Seniors may register by calling the Social Services Department at 908-369-3880

1 Unit contains the following:  
(all box weights are approximate)

Milk - 1 Gallon  
Cheese - 5 lb Box  
Produce - 10 lb Box  
Protein - 10lb Box  
Residents are permitted a maximum of 2 units per household

The Distribution will take place at the former Willow Road Baseball Complex - on Willow Road directly across from Valinor Rd  
There will be signs to direct you into the parking lot for pickup  
Early arrivals will be asked to leave and return at 9am

A collaborative partnership



*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.](#)



# Department Updates

## Business Advocate:

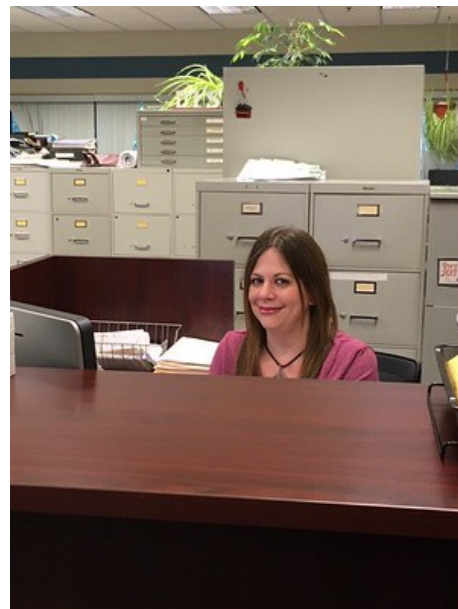
- There are several Hillsborough Farms open and offering services for our community as an additional resource for food products. For the latest information regarding the Hillsborough farming community, please visit [Experience Hillsborough and click on Hillsborough Harvest](#) or visit the [HBA Facebook page](#).
- Which of your favorite Hillsborough locations are "Open for Business"? Support Hillsborough's Local Businesses!



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



Parks and Recreation:  
Program Coordinator Jessica Gonzalez  
and Recreation Assistant Russ Surace in  
the office planning for summer camp



Building:  
Technical Assistant Lisa Cassidy in the  
office working on requests

## Township Employment Opportunities

- [Finance Department Clerk](#)
- [Part Time Information Technology Assistant](#)
- [Part Time Building Maintenance](#)

[To apply](#)

## Community News

[Hillsborough Residents: Don't Forget to](#)



### **Respond to the Census!**

The Census is important because it impacts future planning and funding for infrastructure, future employment, training and healthcare programs. To learn more about the impacts of the census or to complete it online visit the website [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020CENSUS.GOV). Take a few minutes and complete your census.



### **Hillsborough Rotary Club Announces Scholarship Winners**

Six Hillsborough residents were awarded post-secondary school scholarships this month by the Rotary Club of Hillsborough. A decades-long tradition for the Club, the scholarship winners were selected from applicants who not only achieved academic excellence, but performed valuable community service in the spirit of Rotary. [Read more.](#)



### **JCP&L Transmission Line Inspections - Low Flying Helicopter Patrol**

Please be advised that Haverfield Aviation will be the helicopter company assisting in the inspections on all JCP&L Transmission Lines, beginning July 6th, 2020 through July 10th, 2020 weather permitting.

The pilot will be in communication with any local airports, when in their airspace. The helicopter will be flying at a speed of about 35-40 mph above or alongside the lines and may circle around for a closer inspection. The helicopter is Black with Red Letter and Tail Number N500LK



### **PSE&G Reminder: Call 811 Before You Dig**

When you call 811, you'll be connected to a telephone network that notifies all New Jersey utilities whose equipment could be affected by digging in the area. The utilities will come to the site and mark the ground where pipes or lines are buried. Proper marking is necessary to protect utilities and avoid interruption of services, property damage or possible injury.



### **Hillsborough Chapter of UNICO Italian-American Seeking Miss UNICO for 2020-2021**

UNICO National Hillsborough Chapter is looking for a young woman who can represent the township's Italian-American community for the 2020-2021 term. Miss UNICO will receive a \$1,000 Scholarship from Hillsborough UNICO. Additional information and application can be found at: [Hillsborough UNICO.org](https://HillsboroughUNICO.org).



### **2020 Girls HHS Future Raider Field Hockey Camp Flyer Registration Final**

2020 Girls HHS Future Raider Field Hockey Camp from Monday August 24th through Thursday August 27th. [Complete the form to register.](#)

## 2020 Girls HHS Future Raider Field Hockey Camp

Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup>

**HILLSBOROUGH**

**FIELD HOCKEY**

Get ready for your 2020 Field Hockey Season with HHS Girls Field Hockey

• Where: Hillsborough High School Turf Field

• Evening time slots – pricing by 4 nights

◦ grades K-2, 3pm to 7pm – \$50.00

◦ grades 3-4, 4pm to 7:30pm – \$65.00

◦ grades 5-6, 4pm to 8pm – \$75.00

• Participate in age appropriate technical skills, tactical games and scrimmages

led by Hillsborough High School Field Hockey Coaching staff and players.

• The gift will be provided – Include your Parents!

• Registration deadline: July 15, 2020

We will adhere to all current Covid-19 Guidelines and if we need to cancel camps, we will issue a full refund

To register:  
Name checks payable to HHS Field Hockey Booster Club and mail with completed form to:  
HHS Field Hockey Booster Club, c/o Brenda Morley, 12 Oliver Court, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

Questions: Brenda Morley @ bmorley55@yahoo.com

## Virtual Summer Health Series – Lunch N' Learn at 12pm

Brought to you by the Elizabeth Public Library, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, and Cancer Support Community Central NJ

Topics and Dates - [registration required once for all workshops](#)

- July 10 - Finding Health Information You Can Trust
- July 24 - Eating Healthy for Cancer Prevention
- August 7 - LGBT Health and Cancer Prevention
- August 21 - Resource and Self Care for Caregivers
- Spanish language recordings for some of the English Series topics will also be available after the presentations

**Summer Health Series**

Join us at 12pm for a Zoom Lunch and Learn Series on the following dates and topics:

**Finding Health Information You Can Trust**  
Friday, July 10th  
Aly Barakat, Head of Information & Adult Services, Elizabeth Public Library  
Learn the basics of finding health information. You can get the most out of the web including databases you can access to receive health information. Take and your own notes on how to use your health & wellness journey.

**Eating Healthy for Cancer Prevention**  
Friday, July 24th  
Michelle Jensen, MS, MEd Community Cancer Control Specialist at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey  
Learn how to protect your plate with cancer fighting foods and the different food groups can promote your health. Join when time you need to get more food.

**LGBT Health and Cancer Prevention**  
Friday, August 7th  
Dorcasia Hall, Community Cancer Control Specialist at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey  
LGBT related topics in the LGBT community including disparities in LGBT populations, LGBT community care and cancer outcomes. It will also bring you to all LGBT community and information about LGBT organizations to create new ways will be provided.

**Resource and Self Care for Caregivers**  
Friday, August 21st  
No-Need Care for Caregivers  
Member Advocacy and Community Outreach Transformation  
Look at how Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield works during partner, including Massachusetts Patient Resource, Cancer Self Care, and Health Management.

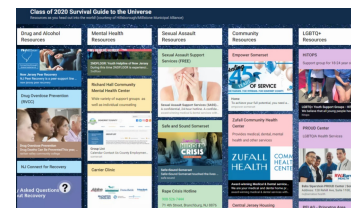
Click here to register

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## Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance Updates

### Class of 2020 Survival Guide to the Universe

Resources as you head out into the world!



### Reminder from Parents Who Host Lose the Most

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.



## Ground Based Sparkling Devices and Novelties are Now Legal in New Jersey

As the 4th of July approaches, please remember that only certain types of fireworks are legal in New Jersey. When using legal sparkling novelties, remember to wet them down before discarding. [See the reference guide for more information](#). Please celebrate safely!



## RWJBarnabas Health Offers Hydration Tips for Adults and Children -

visit [healthlibrary.barnabashealth.org](http://healthlibrary.barnabashealth.org) to learn about other health tips.



# Hydration Tips

When competing, running or participating in any other physical activity, follow these tips to stay hydrated.

- ▶ Drink four to eight glasses of fluid (32 to 64 ounces) the day before the event.
- ▶ Drink two to three glasses (about 14 to 22 ounces) of fluid before exercise the day of the event.
- ▶ Drink six to 12 ounces every 15 to 20 minutes during exercise.
- ▶ Beware of sports drinks with stimulants like caffeine, as they can be dangerous. They are not recommended before or after exercise.
- ▶ Drink on schedule rather than relying on thirst.
- ▶ Drink during training, as well as competition.

**Each day, set a goal to drink at least eight glasses of fluid.**

Don't limit yourself. Water can come from any beverage – juice, coffee, tea, milk and even soup. However, it is important to be cautious. Caffeine in coffee and tea boosts your body's water output, offsetting some of the benefits of taking in the fluid. Also, the sugar in regular soft drinks may pose a danger to individuals with diabetes or to those who are watching their weight.

**Looking for a refreshing drink...be creative.**

For those who want to try something a little different, fruit juice mixed with club soda or seltzer water makes a refreshing carbonated drink. And, a twist of lemon or lime will make plain water more appealing.

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*To learn more about sun safety or for other health tips, visit [healthlibrary.barnabashealth.org](http://healthlibrary.barnabashealth.org).*

**RWJ Barnabas  
HEALTH**

**Let's be healthy together.**

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## Somerset County Library System of NJ (SCLSNJ)

- ## Somerset County-Operated Senior Centers Offer Virtual Programs as Senior Centers Are Closed Until July 31st

# COVID-19 Updates



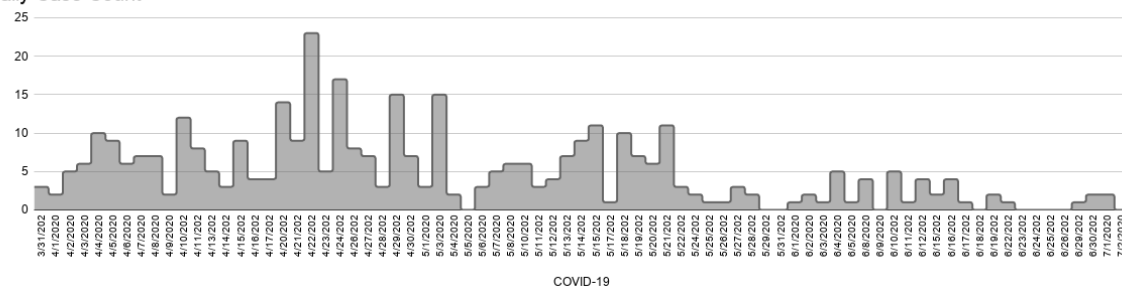
# COVID-19 Hillsborough Reported Cases

[Next COVID-19 Case Information will be Updated Monday July 6th on the Township website](#)

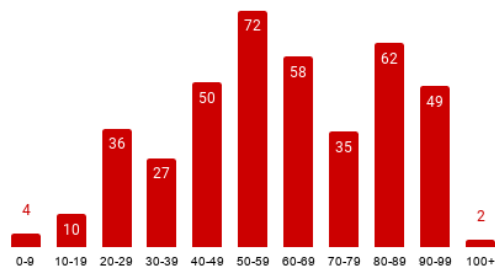
|           | Hillsborough | Millstone | Somerset County | New Jersey | United States |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| CASES     | 405          | 3         | 4,337           | 172,356    | 2,679,230     |
| DEATHS    | 54           | NA        | 447             | 13,251     | 128,024       |
| RECOVERED | 205          | NA        | NA              | NA         | NA            |

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

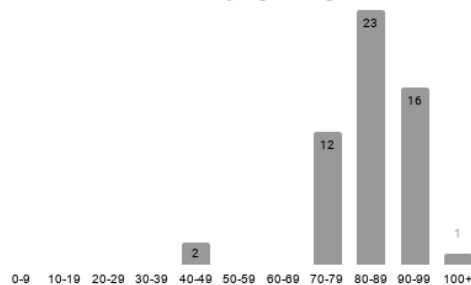
Daily Case Count



Positive Hillsborough Township Cases by Age Range



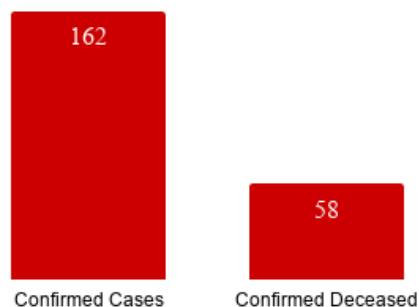
Deceased by Age Range



### 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



\* 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 \(RVCC\) on Thursday July 9th](#)

Somerset County residents have another opportunity to get tested for COVID-19. The drive-thru test center at RVCC will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 9th. Appointments can be scheduled online at <https://somerset-hunterdon.adlabscovidtest.com>. [Prescriptions are no longer required for testing.](#)

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

### 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 & Community Resources

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

#### [NJ Departments of Health and Communicable Disease Services Provides Information on COVID-Underlying-Conditions](#)

**COVID-19 UNDERLYING CONDITIONS**

**WHAT ARE UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS?**

- These are diseases or illnesses that may put a person more at risk for complications from COVID-19.
- People of any age can have underlying health conditions.
- People with COVID-19 and high blood pressure that was untreated or not managed were found to be two times more at risk for death compared to those with high blood pressure that was managed.
- People with underlying health conditions have found to be six times more likely to be hospitalized and 2.5 times more likely to die compared to those who reported no underlying health conditions.

**THE MOST COMMON UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS REPORTED IN THE U.S. INCLUDE:**

- Heart disease (includes high blood pressure)
- Diabetes
- Long-term lung problems and emphysema
- Obesity

**IF YOU HAVE A HEALTH CONDITION THAT IS NOT MANAGED OR BEING TREATED, CONTACT YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR LOCAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER.**

**ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO STAY HEALTHY DURING COVID-19**

- Work with your healthcare provider to manage medicines and treatment for your conditions.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a face covering in public.
- Wash hands often.
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched household items.
- Stay home if possible; avoid unnecessary travel.
- Monitor your health; call your health care provider if you develop symptoms of COVID-19.

For more information, call 1-800-452-2222. Have questions? Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-902-1220 or 3-1-1.



## [NJ TRANSIT UPDATE](#)

NJ Transit will continue to respond to the latest on COVID-19 with customer and employee safety as a top priority and keep you informed of our response. To keep informed, go to:

- [NJ Transit Announces Schedule for July 4th Weekend](#)
- [NJ Transit Rail and Light Rail Resumes Full Weekday Service on July 6th](#)
- [NJ Transit Launches New Customer Awareness Campaign to Promote Safe Behavior](#)
- [NJ Transit - "Your Ride to Recovery" Guide](#)
- [NJ Transit Explores Use of Ultraviolet Technology in Battle Against COVID-19](#)
- [NJ Transit Installs More Modernized Ticket Vending Machines](#)
- [COVID-19 - How We're Protecting You](#)

Per Governor Murphy's Executive Order No. 125,

The number of passengers is limited to 50% of a vehicle's capacity.

50%

Customers must wear a face covering while on board a NJ TRANSIT vehicle.

Please do your part when you ride. Plan Ahead - Slow the Spread

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

### [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.

## 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](#).

**Community Assistance Network**

**HILLSBOROUGH'S FOOD BANK**

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 4:00pm.

Monetary donations can also be made by mailing in a check or going to [hillsborough-nj.org](#)

**Hillsborough Township Municipal Complex**  
The Peter J. Basso Building  
379 South Branch Road  
Hillsborough, NJ 08844  
609-268-3890  
[hillsborough-nj.org](#)

### [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](#)

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

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