



Township of Hillsborough

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Hillsborough Office of Emergency Management EMERGENCY DECLARATION

**TO ALL CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH,
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in us by Chapter 251 of the Laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented by N.J.S.A. Appendix A:9-30 et. seq. and N.J.S.A. 2C:33-1 et seq., we have declared that a local disaster/emergency exists within the Township of Hillsborough;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws authorized the promulgation of such orders, rules, and regulations as are necessary to meet the various problems which have, or may be, presented by such disaster/emergency; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the rapidly evolving outbreak and spread of Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, and the need for government operations to address the potential spread of COVID-19 which may further adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the Township of Hillsborough and exacerbate existing conditions a declaration of a Municipal State of Emergency is necessary; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Township of Hillsborough should be declared a disaster/emergency area, and further, that certain measures must be taken in order to ensure that the authorities will be unhampered in their efforts to maintain law and order and to protect the persons and property of the residents affected by the conditions.

WHEREAS, all lands within the boundaries of the Township of Hillsborough are hereby designated as a disaster area;

NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH the aforesaid laws, we do hereby promulgate and declare that the Township of Hillsborough, Somerset County, New Jersey, is hereby declared and designated as a disaster/emergency area effective immediately and the following regulations shall be operative in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey, the County of Somerset and the Township of Hillsborough:

1. The Hillsborough Township Police Department is authorized to close any street deemed necessary to allow for public safety.
2. The Police Chief in consultation with the Administrator or Mayor is authorized to restrict access to any Township building or the actual boundaries of the Township of Hillsborough.
3. Access to the Municipal Building will be restricted to essential personnel as determined by the Township Administrator;
4. Social Services will be providing access to the food pantry and to Senior Citizen busing for essential services only to include doctors' appointments and emergency pharmacy/grocery;
5. Recreation activities and programs will be suspended indefinitely until further notice;

6. In the interest of Government continuity, only essential meetings will be held until further notice.

Because the COVID-19 virus has been deemed a pandemic, we recognize that there will be disruption to Township services and access to the Municipal Building. Notwithstanding, as local government officials, public workers, volunteers and other contracting agencies and personnel, we will do our best to continue to provide essential services for the public good of our residents. We regret having to close or limit services normally provided to school children, parents, seniors, disabled persons and those who rely on Township resources. Our Emergency Management team will continue to monitor the public health emergency closely and is prepared to respond to any contingencies that arise.

The Township will provide residents with public service announcements daily, through the Mayor's eNewsletter and the Township website (www.hillsborough-nj.org).

While we rely upon the expertise of federal, state and county officials to help contain this virus, we have faith in our neighbors and fellow citizens to rise to this challenge for the good of our Township in the weeks to come.

In the meantime, be safe and please follow recommended guidance from the Center for Disease Control.

DATE: 03/16/2020

TIME: 5:15PM



Mayor
Township of Hillsborough



Emergency Management Coordinator
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