

# Public Health Services

## HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### *Your local health department*

*Member of the Greater Somerset Public Health Partnership*

**Contact us for questions and information:**

**908-369-5652**

**And please see our website:**

**[www.hillsborough-nj.org](http://www.hillsborough-nj.org)- under departments, health**

**ADMINISTRATION:** *The Health Officer manages all the functions of the health department including reporting to the NJ Department of Health, grant writing and management, and direction of the Registered Environmental Health Specialists, the Registrar of Vital Statistics, and the Health Educator, and also oversees the Department of Social Services.*

**REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS:** *The registrar maintains records of all births, marriages and deaths occurring in Hillsborough Township. Marriage Licenses are issued to Hillsborough residents.*

- **CONSUMER HEALTH:** *Public health investigations are conducted for nuisances, restaurant inspections, environmental complaints. Nuisances may involve animals, insects, rodents, garbage complaints*
- **RETAIL FOOD INSPECTIONS** *are conducted throughout the year to assure that food retailers meet the NJ Sanitary Code requirements.*
- **ANIMAL CONTROL- RABIES AND DANGEROUS DOGS-***All animal bites/wounds are investigated due to the presence of the deadly rabies virus in our wildlife population, which may also affect pets and people. The Annual free rabies clinic is conducted in January- Please see our website for more information.*
- **CHILD HEALTH-** *The health department contracts with the Community Visiting Nurses of Somerset County to conduct free child wellness clinics for children up to age 18 without health insurance. Licensed Child Care Facilities must register with the local health department, and their immunization records are audited annually.*
- **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL-***The health department monitors laboratory results and doctors' reports on the NJ Department of Health site called the NJ Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System and investigates all reportable communicable disease cases and outbreaks as required. **Suspect and confirmed Tuberculosis cases are managed via contract with Somerset County TB Clinic located at Somerset Medical Center***
- **FLU SHOT CLINICS ARE HELD ANNUALLY IN THE FALL**

- **OTHER VACCINATION CLINICS MAY BE OFFERED**
- **PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AND SUMMER CAMPS** are inspected each season, and laboratory results reviewed weekly during season.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS** of odors, noises, and water issues are conducted, and water sampling and analysis is offered to resident owners of potable wells. Wells are tested by health department personnel based upon the problem issue, and analysis is conducted by certified labs for a fee, depending upon the parameters analyzed for. There are certain testing days, and residents can call the health department at the above number for more information. Special environmental projects such as water connection and sewer connection projects, contamination cleanup, and land use analysis are also conducted.
- **ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM INSTALLATION INSPECTIONS (SEPTIC SYSTEMS)** and troubleshooting of malfunctioning systems is conducted. **Please see the health department website under environmental issues for information about septic system maintenance and care.**
- **PRIVATE WELL INSTALLATION INSPECTIONS** are conducted to be sure the well is not contaminated, and that it doesn't allow bacteria to enter the aquifer. Requirements are set by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.
- **HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROMOTION-** Periodic health fairs and seminars are offered either by the health department or in cooperation with the many health partners in our town and/or county. Our website has information about important topics for our residents.
- **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE PREVENTION/TREATMENT AND CANCER PREVENTION EXAMS** are offered via contract with the Women's Health and Counseling Center in Somerville.
- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS-**The health department works with the Office of Emergency Management to prepare for emergency vaccination clinics and distribution of emergency medications. Also, information for emergency preparedness for residents is posted on our website.
- **RECYCLING BUCKET SUPPLIES-** Residents can pick up buckets at the health department, and we answer questions about recycling, but the pickup is done by the Somerset County Recycling Department at 732-469-3363.