



# Township of Hillsborough

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## HEALTH ADVISORY

TO: Residents of Millstone Borough

FROM: The Hillsborough/Millstone Borough Department of Health

RE: **HEALTH ISSUES AND CLINIC SCHEDULE**

### **WILDLIFE AND RABIES:**

Please be advised that the Hillsborough/Millstone Borough Department of Health has been receiving complaints about wildlife such as raccoons as well as stray feral cats coming in close proximity to residences. It has been confirmed that there are several residents feeding wild animals and stray cats outdoors, attracting these animals to homes.

The wildlife population in NJ is known to carry rabies, a fatal disease, and according to NJ State Department of Health Statistics, cats are the most frequently infected domestic animal. Over the last 5 years, there has been an average of 16 cats infected with rabies annually in NJ. Please be sure to vaccinate your pets against rabies, and to avoid contact with wildlife and stray cats. **PLEASE DO NOT FEED PETS OUTDOORS. IT ATTRACTS WILDLIFE THAT COULD BE SICK.** If you are bitten or scratched, please be sure to contact your physician as well as the Health Department at 908-369-5652 immediately. Rabies is fatal unless immediately treated- before symptoms begin.

If you are feeding wildlife and stray cats, you must stop immediately and contact The Franklin Township Animal Shelter for assistance (732-873-2500). They can give you guidance to help discourage animals from your property. Cats can be managed by placing Have-A-Heart traps and removing the cats to the shelter. Even bird feeders should be maintained because it attracts vermin such as rats, and raccoons and other wildlife. If you place bird feeders outdoors, please be sure to remove spilled food from the ground daily.

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**FLU SHOTS:** The Health Department will sponsor flu vaccination clinics – one September 30 from 2-4 pm, and 5-7pm, and another on October 1, 4-7 pm, for residents aged 18 and over. The Health Department cannot vaccinate children or pregnant women due to insurance limitations. Medicare Part B cards are required in order to waive the fee. All adults without Medicare will be charged \$25. Please see the information posted on the Millstone Borough website or the Hillsborough Township website regarding this year’s flu vaccination.

**RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC FOR CATS AND DOGS:** A free rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats will be held in January. Please check the Millstone or Hillsborough website for the date. Even indoor pets must be currently vaccinated against rabies because the pet may encounter a sick bat indoors, or the pet may escape and remain outdoors for a time and possibly be exposed to a rabid animal. Residents of New Jersey may attend any rabies vaccination clinic in NJ because the State pays for the vaccine. Remember the vaccine must be current through 10 months of the licensing year. You can check clinic schedules for other towns in the area by going to their websites, or checking the newspaper, or local Patch information online.

Please see the Hillsborough Health Department at [www.hillsborough-nj.org](http://www.hillsborough-nj.org), and click on “departments” and “health” for listings of other health clinics in the area, and other health information.

Please call the Health Department at 908-369-5652 for questions.