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**TJJD Staff Member at Giddings State School Tests Positive for COVID-19**  
**The Employee, Who Did Not Work With Youth, Is the First to Test Positive at a Secure Facility**

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AUSTIN—TJJD Executive Director Camille Cain announced this evening that an employee at the Giddings State School has tested positive for COVID-19. That individual, whose job does not involve interaction with youth, is the first person to test positive at TJJD’s secure facilities.

On Monday, March 30, the employee left work early when he began to feel ill, and he had limited interactions with other staff members that day. Those individuals who had close, direct contact are now self-isolating, and anyone who develops symptoms is asked to call the Incident Reporting Center.

In addition, all staff at Giddings will be issued masks while on campus. At this time, no other employee or youth have reported having symptoms.

“Our focus during this challenging time has been on safety and prevention,” Cain says. “But we also knew that we had to prepare for the possibility of either a staff member or a youth being infected with COVID-19. I am pleased to report that the employee in question is resting well at home, and we will continue to rigorously follow our safety procedures to help prevent any additional spread of the virus.”

To read more about the agency’s response to COVID-19, please see [this FAQ](#) on the TJJD website.

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