

Subject	IMPORTANT UPDATE: Ron Jackson Orientation & Assessment Unit
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To	Juvenile Probation Counties
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Good Afternoon -

First, thank you for your patience, cooperation, and understanding as we move forward with the best way to lift the temporary admissions hold to TJJD. The current situation remains very fluid in response to COVID-19, as new information is received each day. Currently, at the local level there have been 7 departments in 10 juvenile justice facilities reporting positive COVID-19 tests. These reports have included 24 juvenile justice professionals and 3 youth. We have all worked together in keeping our facilities and programs safe from the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the past few days we have developed a process for departments to report all TJJD dispositions, and have been in communication with those departments that have expressed a hardship in maintaining this population longer than necessary. We are working with our orientation and admissions specialist to begin the process to take these youth. As we move forward with new intakes, the health and safety of the entire system will remain the priority. We will stay in constant communication with all departments who have youth on the disposition list.

We ask that you continue to communicate with your assigned regional county program administrator once a youth is committed to TJJD. This information is shared with agency leadership on a daily basis. We have communicated with each of the departments/facilities where these youth are currently being housed. We know this has placed a strain on our current system and hope to provide some relief over the coming days. We do ask that you continue to report incidents of positive COVID-19 cases to the Incident Reporting Center. These reports have assisted a great deal in communicating with other departments and facilities that may have youth or staff potentially impacted by these cases. Also, for those departments holding permanent or temporary assignment transfers, we will work through those on an individual basis.

Appreciate all of you as we continue to work through this very difficult time.

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