



TEXAS
JUVENILE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT

Update on COVID-19 at TJJJ Facilities

Two new cases among staff have been confirmed, including the first at a halfway house

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AUSTIN—The Texas Juvenile Justice Department provided the following updates today related to COVID-19:

- A Youth Development Coach at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center, in Edinburg, tested positive for COVID-19 this afternoon.
- A staff member at Karyn's House, a halfway house for girls in Willis, tested positive for COVID-19 this afternoon. That marks the first positive case at one of TJJJ's halfway houses.
- The youth who tested positive for COVID-19 on June 22 at the Giddings State School remains on campus for treatment.
- As of today, TJJJ has administered a total of 187 COVID-19 tests to youth.

Since the start of the pandemic, fourteen staff members at the agency's secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 6
Gainesville State School: 1
Giddings State School: 7
McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 0
Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 0

Since the start of the pandemic, one youth at the agency's secure facilities has tested positive for COVID-19:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 0
Gainesville State School: 0
Giddings State School: 1
McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 0
Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 0

For more information about the agency's response to COVID-19, please visit the [TJJJ website](#).

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