Update on COVID-19 at TJJD Facilities

Campus-wide testing at the Gainesville State School shows no new positive cases
5 new staff cases have been confirmed in the past 24 hours
No new youth cases have been reported in the past 48 hours

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

• Campus-wide testing at the Gainesville State School showed no new positive cases. The total number of tests administered was 339, with 230 staff and 109 youth. (One test result is pending, and three retests are being taken because of insufficient samples.)
• 3 staff members and 1 Youth Development Coach at the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility, in Mart, have tested positive for COVID-19. Two results were confirmed last night, and two were confirmed today.
• 1 Youth Development Coach at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center, in Edinburg, tested positive for COVID-19 this afternoon.
• Campus-wide testing at the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility, in Mart, began today and is expected to be completed tomorrow.

Since the start of the pandemic, 129 staff members at the agency’s secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 50
Gainesville State School: 8
Giddings State School: 36
McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 13
Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 22
Since the start of the pandemic, 143 youth at the agency’s secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

- Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 23
- Gainesville State School: 13
- Giddings State School: 74
- McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 31
- Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 2

For more information about the agency’s response to COVID-19, please visit the TJJD website.

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