



TEXAS
JUVENILE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT

**TJJD to Halt All New Admissions for a Period of Two Weeks
The Decision Is an Added Safeguard to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19**

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AUSTIN—Executive Director Camille Cain announced today that the Texas Juvenile Justice Department will temporarily halt all new admissions to its facilities for two weeks, starting today. The decision will remain in effect through April 27, but it could be extended beyond that depending on the circumstances.

The decision is intended as an additional safeguard to prevent the spread of COVID-19 during a critical moment in Texas’s response to the pandemic. At this time, no youth in a state facility has tested positive for the virus.

“Our partnership with the local juvenile probation departments has been essential to limiting the spread of COVID-19,” Cain says. “By working together, we have continued to implement the best options to keep all of our youth safe.”

To learn more about the agency’s response to the virus, please visit [the COVID-19 page](#) on our website.

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