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**Youth at the Giddings State School Tests Positive for COVID-19**  
**This marks the first positive case of a youth at a secure TJJD facility**

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AUSTIN—Camille Cain, the Executive Director of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, announced tonight that a youth at the Giddings State School has tested positive for COVID-19. The test was confirmed late this evening.

At this time, the youth is in medical quarantine at Giddings with a fever but no other symptoms. His family has been contacted by the agency, and he will remain on campus for treatment unless doctors determine that he should be admitted to a hospital.

“I want the youth and his family to know that we will give him the best medical care that we can,” Cain says. “Our agency has been preparing for the possibility of a positive youth case since the start of the pandemic, and we are well-positioned from a staffing and equipment standpoint to respond. Our priority is the health of this young man.”

The agency is identifying any youth or staff members at Giddings who might have had contact with the youth. Those youth will be administered a COVID-19 test, and staff members will be asked to self-isolate following CDC guidelines.

Since June 6, Giddings has had four staff test positive for COVID-19. None of their conditions has been life-threatening.

At this time five other youth are on quarantine at Giddings: three are awaiting test results and two will be tested tomorrow. Since the start of the pandemic, the agency has administered 159 tests to youth in TJJD facilities.

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

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