



TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Update on COVID-19 at TJJD Facilities **5 new staff cases have been reported across the agency**

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

- 1 Youth Development Coach at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center, in Edinburg, tested positive for COVID-19 on Saturday morning.
- 2 Youth Development Coaches at the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility, in Mart, have tested positive for COVID-19. The first case was confirmed Sunday morning, and the second case was confirmed this afternoon.
- 2 Youth Development Coaches at different halfway houses have tested positive for COVID-19. The first case was confirmed Sunday afternoon, and the second case was confirmed this morning. Since the start of the pandemic, 20 staff members at TJJD halfway houses have tested positive for COVID-19.
- As of today, TJJD has administered 1,468 COVID tests to youth.

Since the start of the pandemic, 181 staff members at the agency's secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 56
Gainesville State School: 11
Giddings State School: 43
McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 28
Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 43

Since the start of the pandemic, 202 youth at the agency's secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 31
Gainesville State School: 13
Giddings State School: 89
McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 43
Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 26

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

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