

Subject	IMPORTANT: Admissions to Ron Jackson Orientation & Assessment Unit
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Good afternoon,

Over the past week, we have seen a significant increase in reported cases related to the COVID-19 pandemic that have impacted our juvenile justice facilities and departments. These reports have included 15 juvenile justice facilities, from 11 departments, with 37 staff testing positive and 6 youth. Additionally, our state secure facilities now have a total of 10 staff who have tested positive. Yesterday, the first youth in a state secure facility also tested positive.

These past few months have been challenging in many ways, but we must continue to work together in keeping our juvenile justice system safe. We have asked departments to report all dispositions to TJJD for intake scheduling with your regional county program administrator, and implemented the use of new screening procedures when transporting all youth to TJJD. Departments have done an exceptional job in reporting positive COVID-19 cases concerning youth and staff within your facilities and programs to the Incident Report Center, and we would ask that these efforts continue. The timely submission of these reports have assisted a great deal in communicating with other departments and facilities that may have youth or staff potentially impacted by these cases.

Due to the increased number of reported cases over the past week, effective immediately, all new admissions to TJJD will be temporarily halted. As we move to address the impact these cases have had on our system, this step is necessary in maintaining the health and safety of our staff and the youth you have entrusted to our care.

As before, we will continue to work with departments that are under any transfer holds. As soon as we can move to lift this temporary halt to new admissions, appropriate notification will be provided to all departments.

Appreciate all of you as we continue to work through this very difficult time.

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