



**RANDALL COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION
YOUTH CENTER OF THE HIGH PLAINS**

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To: Chiefs of Contracting Counties
All Youth Center of the High Plains Personnel
Cc: Lou Serrano, TJJD – Deputy Executive Director
Mark Williams, TJJD – Regional County Program Administrator
From: Neil L. Eddins Jr, Chief Facility Administrator
Date: June 30, 2020
Re: Suspended Entry



Hello Chiefs,

The Youth Center of the High Plains has suspended entry into the facility for all nonessential personnel in response to COVID-19. As a result, we have suspended all in-person visitation between parents/guardians and residents. We have temporarily substituted phone visitation and are seeking potential video options. Additionally, we have suspended access by interns, volunteers and non-essential vendors.

Essential personnel shall be limited to Youth Center juvenile supervision officers, supervisory, medical, maintenance and kitchen personnel. Juvenile probation officers and law enforcement personnel shall be granted entry into the facility for admissions, releases and necessary investigative purposes.

At this time, parents, guardians or resident family members shall not be permitted to enter the secure portion of the facility for any reason, including releases. Releases from the facility shall be conducted by supervising probation or transporting law enforcement personnel. Releasing officers may allow family members to wait in the public lobby adjacent to the facility main entrance if so desired.

A resident’s attorney of record shall be permitted into the secure facility for attorney-client consultation.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation during these challenging times. Do not hesitate to call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Neil L. Eddins Jr
Chief Facility Administrator
Youth Center of the High Plains