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**TJJD Staff Member at the Gainesville State School Tests Positive for COVID-19
The Youth Development Coach Has Not Been on Campus Since May 8**

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AUSTIN—Executive Director Camille Cain announced that a Youth Development Coach at the Gainesville State School tested positive for COVID-19 today.

The employee has not been on campus since May 8, when she left work for an unrelated medical issue. Three days later, she began to develop symptoms related to COVID-19 and subsequently decided to take a test. She is now resting comfortably at home.

Because of this positive test, TJJD is taking the following actions:

- Conducting contact tracing and identifying any staff member who had contact during the past 14 days
- Testing all youth on the dorms where the employee worked within the past 14 days
- Testing all youth who left those dorms for other locations during that time and taking appropriate precautions

Currently, no other staff members or youth at Gainesville have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19.

This is the second TJJD staff member at a secure facility to test positive for COVID-19. On April 2, an IT employee at Giddings tested positive, but there were no other cases at that campus. At this time, no youth at a TJJD facility have tested positive for COVID-19.

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

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