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**Update on COVID-19 at TJJJ Facilities**

**Seven new cases among youth have been confirmed at the Gainesville State School  
Six new cases among staff have also been confirmed**

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

- Seven youth tested positive for COVID-19 at the Gainesville State School yesterday afternoon. Ten other youth from the same dorm tested negative.
- A Mental Health Specialist at the Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex, in Brownwood, tested positive for COVID-19 on Friday night. This marks the first case at Ron Jackson.
- A Youth Development Coach at the Gainesville State School tested positive for COVID-19 on Friday night.
- A Youth Development Coach at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center, in Edinburg, tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday morning.
- Two staff members at Karyn’s House, a halfway house for girls in Willis, tested positive for COVID-19. One test was confirmed yesterday afternoon, and the other was confirmed this evening. Those cases bring the number of positive staff cases to four at Karyn’s House.
- A Youth Development Coach at the Giddings State School tested positive for COVID-19 last night.
- The youth who have tested positive for COVID-19 all remain on campus for treatment.
- As of today, TJJJ has administered a total of 241 COVID-19 tests to youth.

Since the start of the pandemic, 23 staff members at the agency’s secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

**Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 11**

**Gainesville State School: 3**

**Giddings State School: 8**

**McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 0**

**Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 1**



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Since the start of the pandemic, 14 youth at the agency's secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

**Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 0**

**Gainesville State School: 8**

**Giddings State School: 6**

**McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 0**

**Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 0**

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

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