



TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Update on COVID-19 at TJJJ Facilities **Eight new cases among youth have been confirmed** **Nine 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:

- Five youth at the Giddings State School tested positive for COVID-19 last night.
- Three youth at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center, in Edinburg, tested positive for COVID-19 today.
- A staff member at a TJJJ halfway house tested positive for COVID-19 last night. That marks the fifth staff case at a TJJJ halfway house.
- Two Youth Development Coaches at the Giddings State School tested positive for COVID-19. The first test was confirmed last night, and the other test was confirmed today.
- A staff member at the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility, in Mart, tested positive for COVID-19 today. That marks the first case at that campus.
- Two Youth Development Coaches and a staff member at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center tested positive for COVID-19 today.
- A Youth Development Coach at the Gainesville State School tested positive for COVID-19 today.
- A teacher at the Giddings State School tested positive for COVID-19 late this evening.
- The youth who have tested positive for COVID-19 all remain on campus for treatment.
- As of this morning, TJJJ has administered a total of 313 COVID-19 tests to youth.
- Today marked the first day of youth and staff testing at the agency's secure facilities. The testing started at the Giddings State School and will continue through next week.

Since the start of the pandemic, 37 staff members at the agency's secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 17

Gainesville State School: 4

Giddings State School: 12

McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 1

Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 3



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Since the start of the pandemic, 25 youth at the agency's secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 6

Gainesville State School: 8

Giddings State School: 11

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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