



# TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

## Update on COVID-19 at TJJD Facilities

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

TJJD will begin hosting in-person visitation with youth and their families on Saturday, March 13. Family members and guardians were notified on Monday of the opportunity to begin scheduling their visits. Since the start of the pandemic, families have had to rely on phone calls and virtual visits with their children. Though nothing can replace the importance of in-person visitation for our youth, safety remains the number one priority. As a result, our protocols will remain in place to ensure that the agency is doing everything it can to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- For family members to enter the campus for in-person visitation, they must take a self-administered rapid COVID-19 test, which will be provided to them by a staff member upon arrival, and receive a negative result.
- In addition, they must take the agency's standard health screening, which includes a temperature check and a questionnaire. This will happen at the same time as the rapid test.
- During the visitation, family members are required to wear a face-covering.
- For this initial round of visitation, youth are limited to two visitors at a time, excluding small children.

For more information about the agency's response to COVID-19, including cumulative case counts and timelines of positive cases, please visit the [TJJD website](#).

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