



COVID-19 Positive Tests at TDCJ Units.

AUSTIN, TX (April 2, 2020) – The Board of Pardons and Paroles (BPP) is closely monitoring information regarding testing and results of offenders, agency and contract employees as well as medical partners on Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) units. Yesterday four new cases were confirmed: three (3) employees and one (1) offender.

- A Correctional Officer at the Jordan Unit in Pampa has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The 34-year-old worked at the facility on Friday, March 27, 2020, and was sent home after entry screening showed a 101.2 temperature. The officer was seen by a doctor and tested March 28. The officer is at home in good condition in self-quarantine.
- A Correctional Officer at the Stringfellow Unit in Rosharon has tested positive for COVID-19. The 52-year-old last worked Thursday, March 19, 2020. The officer was admitted to a hospital and tested March 20, 2020. The officer has been discharged from the hospital and is recovering in self-quarantine at home.
- A Laundry Supervisor at the Murray Unit in Gatesville has tested positive. The employee was tested by a physician Monday, March 30, 2020, and remains in self-quarantine.
- An offender at the Stringfellow Unit has tested positive for COVID-19. The offender was taken to an outside hospital yesterday suffering from respiratory distress. The offender was tested at the hospital and placed in medical isolation. The test returned positive today and the offender remains hospitalized in good condition.

In all there have been 13 TDCJ employees, staff or contractors and three (3) offenders in custody who have tested positive for COVID-19.

TDCJ is taking appropriate action to mitigate the potential exposure to others including following the Centers for Disease Control guidelines for management of COVID-19 in correctional facilities. As the Board learns of new positive tests, additional information will be posted on this website.