

**Impact of COVID-19**  
on the  
**Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections**

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# POSITIVE CASES

## YOUTH (as of April 22, 2022)

- Number of youth currently in Secure Care who are positive: 0
- Number of youth currently in Secure Care who have previously tested positive: 56
- Total number of ADJC youth who have previously tested positive: 162

## STAFF (as of April 22, 2022)

- Number of staff who are currently positive: 2
- Total number of current staff who have tested positive: 211

## Vaccinations:

- Through a partnership with the AZ Department of Health Services, a contracted vendor has been coming to Adobe Mountain School to provide vaccine doses to youth.



# Emergency Operations Center

- The Emergency Operations Center was initiated in March 2020. This team coordinated the agency's COVID-19 efforts throughout the pandemic.

## Purpose:

- Contact tracing
- Positive youth management / housing
- Staffing
- Safeguards
- Supply management
- Maintain regular communication with staff
  - Weekly Situational Awareness Update
- Human Resources contact with positive staff



# SAFEGUARDS

- Health screening at the entrance of Adobe Mountain School
- Bi-weekly intake
- Testing
  - Rapid Testing - Youth and Staff
  - ADHS Confirmatory Testing - Youth and Staff
  - ASU Saliva Testing - Staff only
  - Antigen Testing
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - Masks, Gowns, etc.
- Cohorts for youth
- Medical Housing Unit



# SAFEGUARDS

- Increased sanitation practices
- In-person youth visitation suspended
  - Virtual Option
- Volunteers & Mentors suspended
  - Virtual Option
- Education
  - Youth work crew opportunities suspended
- One on One sessions for youth with clinical staff
- Kitchen dining room closed



# STAFFING CHALLENGES

- Maintaining Federally-mandated PREA Staffing ratios
  - Recruited employees from other state agencies
  - Sergeants, Caseworkers, Unit Managers
  - Other agency employees
    - Community Corrections
    - Office of Inspector General
    - Other



# CURRENT SITUATION

- Conduct COVID-19 testing for staff weekly
- Masks required for staff and youth
- Human Resources continue to maintain contact with positive staff
- Ended cohorts for youth
- Education conducted in classrooms
- Youth work crews operating
- In-person visitation
- Volunteers back on-site
- Kitchen dining room reopened





Questions?



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