

STATE OF ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

March 20, 2020

This update is an effort to keep parents, staff, and stakeholders informed of the response measures taken by the Alabama Department of Youth Services to prevent the spread COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to our students and staff. Since our initial plan on 3/16/20 the following additional steps have been implemented:

- All admissions to DYS are suspended until April 6th 2020.
- Releases prior to April 6th will be on a case by case basis and only with the committing court or JPO's knowledge and approval.
- We are monitoring daily all youth that have been on campus less than 14 days.
- All non-essential persons are not permitted on the DYS facilities.
- All family visitation has been suspended. An increase in phone calls to family have been permitted.
- DYS School District is closed until further notice and we will monitor guidance provided by Public Health, the Governor's Office, and the State Department of Education.
- All essential staff are still reporting to work and non-essential staff have been sent home or asked to work remotely if possible. Staff in Central office will work staggered or rotating shifts to ensure their areas of administrative support are covered.
- We continue to stress universal precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and any contagious disease (handwashing, sanitizing surfaces, etc.).
- We have developed our facility medical contingency plan to limit the exposure of youth on our campus and respond in the event of a child with symptoms or positive case.
- We have begun to screen all persons entering our facilities for symptoms.