



### **COVID-19 Update for Victoria ISD as of Aug. 31, 2021**

Victoria ISD, in eight days, has had over 667 positive COVID-19 student and staff cases.

During the 2021-22 school year, while experiencing COVID-19, Victoria ISD took eight school days to reach 541 positive COVID-19 student cases. This number of positive student cases surpasses the total positive cases for students in the last academic year 2020-2021. In August 2021, VISD totaled 126 staff positive COVID-19 cases. During 2020-2021, academic year staff totaled 251 positive COVID-19 cases.

Because of this drastic rise in positive COVID-19 student cases over such a short period, VISD will implement additional safety measures for students and staff that fit within the guidelines set forth by Governor Abbott's May Executive Order and TEA. We will continue to monitor attendance rates and staff availability daily.

The additional safety measures being implemented at all VISD campuses aim to stop the need to close campuses temporarily. Additionally, the Victoria ISD Status Levels have been updated for the 2021-22 school year moving from 4-tier levels to 3-tier levels and language that signals to the community that we are in danger of closing a campus temporarily.

Victoria ISD is committed to maintaining the safety of students and staff. By implementing these additional safety measures, VISD is adding safety barriers and continuing to follow Governor Abbott's May Executive Order and TEA guidance.

#### **Additional Safety Measures**

These safety measures are in addition to the Victoria ISD COVID-19 Update for 2021-22 School Year shared on Aug. 13, 2021, available at [www.visd.net/o/covid](http://www.visd.net/o/covid)

- Campuses may begin utilizing partitions during lunch periods.
- Campuses may begin restricting visitors.
- Campuses may begin postponing non-essential events where there will be large gatherings of people.
- Campuses may encourage large-group meetings of students to occur outside whenever possible.

- Athletics may begin to use the attendance and social distancing protocol established by UIL in 2020-2021 for indoor sports.

Staff, teachers and students are encouraged to continue following CDC guidelines including mask-wearing. Guidance from the CDC shows that wearing a mask and receiving a vaccine are effective mitigation tools for COVID-19.

### Status Levels Chart

