



**COVID-19 Update: Students who are close contact
Effective Immediately as of Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021**

TEA provided a Public Health Guidance update to school districts on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, which includes guidance for students who are close contacts.

School districts are now allowed to require household-based close contact students to stay home if they are in an area with high or rising COVID case rates. Victoria ISD is currently at a Level 3 on the district Status Levels Coronavirus chart. The District moved to Level 3 when staff/student attendance reached less than 90%, and staff availability strained.

This new guidance applies specifically to close contacts students because an individual who lives in the same household is COVID-19 positive.

Effective Immediately: If a student is in the same household as a COVID-19 positive case, they must either stay at home for ten (10) days after close contact exposure or return to school after day seven (7) if they receive a negative lab-confirmed COVID-19 test result (test must occur on day 5 or later).

Contact the school nurse if your child is in the same household as a COVID-19 positive case or receives a positive COVID-19 test. The nurse will also need a copy of the COVID-19 test result.

Please note that these guidelines, protocols and requirements can change at any moment. Notifications and updates about COVID-19 can be found on <https://covid.visd.net/>

You can help! Get vaccinated. Wear a mask. Practice social distancing and handwashing.