

The Texas Education Agency will require public school districts to report weekly COVID-19 case numbers among students, faculty and staff, starting Sept. 8.

Case reporting forms must be filled out by administrators to report test-confirmed COVID-19 cases in public schools each week a school system is notified that a student, teacher or staff member who participates in any on-campus activity is test-confirmed with a current COVID-19 infection.

This will be in addition to the state law requirements of district administrators to report details of positive COVID-19 cases to local health officials.

The TEA and Department of State Health Services will work together in collecting and updating the data, which will be published statewide and sorted by each district.

The TEA is also conducting a collection of enrollment data to determine the number of students on campus across the state. The surveys, which opened Friday, Aug. 28, will ask for approximate enrollment numbers for each campus during the first and fourth weeks of school.

The first-week survey will close on Sept. 14, and the fourth-week survey will close on Oct. 5.

This data collection provides the total number of on-campus students, which will provide context for the positive case numbers reported to the DSHS.