

**Order Terminating Control Measures
for In-Person School Campus Instruction**

**John L. McNeill, DO
Local Health Authority, Victoria County**

July 31, 2020

Whereas the Texas Education Agency ("TEA") has stated that it does not have general authority to close schools due to public health emergency, and TEA has acknowledged that such authority lies with the local health authority, the Department of State Health Services, and the Governor;

Whereas on July 20, 2020, I issued an order imposing control measures at all public and private schools offering secular education to students in one or more grades, pre-kindergarten through grade 12 in Victoria County, including any independent school district within Victoria County which prohibited on-campus, face-to-face instruction until after September 7, 2020; and

Whereas, since that time, the Commissioner of Education has revised his guidance for school district reopening schedules, jeopardizing funding for any district that complies with control orders issued by a Local Health Authority;


Now therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Local Health Authority under Texas Health & Safety Code §§ 81.082 and 81.084, I, Dr. John L. McNeill, hereby issue this Order terminating the following specified control measures.

1. The July 20, 2020 Order imposing Control Measures for In-Person School Campus Instruction is hereby terminated on this the 31st day of July, 2020.



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Attested and Approved as to Legal Form



Allison E. Lacey
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