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### **Our Lady of Victory reports 2 COVID-19 cases, St. Joseph High School has ‘virtual’ day for campus cleaning**

VICTORIA – Our Lady of Victory Principal Justin Matias has reported that two teacher aides have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and will be quarantined at home until they are recovered.

The test results were reported to the school on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Afterward, the areas where the two worked were cleaned and disinfected. School was back in session today.

Matias said the school contacted the local health authorities and all of the school families. Parents of the students in the affected class were given the option of keeping their child at home for the time being.

He pointed out that, because the campus has several separated buildings, it is possible for school to continue after isolating an area that may have been exposed to the virus. He said they are doing everything possible to keep school running as normally as possible.

After the first case was reported, Matias asked about 10 faculty members to be tested before coming back to school. That’s when they discovered the second case and the rest of the tests came back negative.

#### **St. Joseph High School update**

St. Joseph High School (STJ) on Monday reported its first case of COVID-19, but today reports a total of nine students have tested positive.

STJ Principal John Gilley said the decision was made to conduct “St. Joe at home” virtual classes today while a professional company is spraying the campus with disinfectant. The school also was cleaned on Tuesday evening.

The most recent two cases at St. Joseph HS were students who already were quarantined after they reported being in close contact with the first student who tested positive.

St. Joseph HS is currently planning to reopen the campus tomorrow (Thursday, Oct. 1), but are still waiting to speak to medical advisors.

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