

School Readiness Assessment

If a Sudden Cardiac Arrest happened at your school, would you and your staff be ready? It's important to ask and check the following to make sure your school is prepared:

- Do you have a Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program at your school that includes a Cardiac Emergency Response Team (CERT) and a written Emergency Action Plan for use of your AED(s) in the event of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest?
- Do all the staff at your school know where the AEDs are located and what the Emergency Action Plan protocol is in the event a Sudden Cardiac Arrest occurs?
- Do you have a program coordinator for your Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program at your school who's over the CERT and who coordinates your annual AED drill at your school?
- Who is your school's program coordinator? Has their role changed since last year?
- Your Emergency Action Plan should be reviewed at least once annually.
- Your Emergency Action Plan should be specific to each school.
- Who is responsible for the AED maintenance checks?
- Review of equipment (AED) readiness by site personnel is desirable.
- When do the AED pads expire? Do they need to be replaced soon?
- When does the battery expire? Have you budgeted for replacement costs?
- Do you have CPR/AED training scheduled for new staff as well as those who may need a refresher course?
- Have your coaches, teachers, school nurses and other appropriate staff been informed of any students at high risk for Sudden Cardiac Arrest?
- What is your Sudden Cardiac Arrest emergency response drill schedule?
- Do you have any mock AED drills scheduled?
- Do your staff and students know how to recognize and respond to a cardiac emergency?

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