TO:  Member School Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Administrators – Grades 7-12  
FROM:  Daniel B. Ross, Executive Director and Deborah B. Moore, Senior Director of Compliance and Sports Medicine  
RE:  New Coaching Standards – Sudden Cardiac Arrest (Lindsay’s Law) - Materials Ready for Accessing  
DATE:  July 12, 2017  

It is our pleasure to announce that the educational materials for coaches as required in the new Sudden Cardiac Arrest Law, also known as Lindsay’s Law, are finished and were made available for your use on July 10, 2017 through the Ohio Department of Education’s new Learning Management System (LMS).

However, we have received word from ODE that although many coaches already have completed their review of these materials, the staff at ODE discovered that some individuals were not able to access the LMS through their SAFE accounts as expected.

For any individuals who are having difficulty accessing the LMS, the Department suggests that districts ask these applicants to review the video and informational handout on the Ohio Department of Health website at http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/Lindsays-Law.aspx

As with all other training requirements - http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Audiences/Coaching-Permits - for coaches, local school districts are responsible for verifying that permit holders have completed the new sudden cardiac arrest course each year, regardless of the expiration dates of their permits. In addition, while reviewing permit applications in CORE, a district licensure e-signer will need to provide an electronic signature verifying that each applicant has met all training requirements before the Department can issue the permit. The ODE is continuing to review the access issues and will provide any additional information resulting from this review as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Just as a reminder, the required components for coaches include the viewing of the video, reading the informational brochure and taking the test, if completed within the LMS. Please note that this course is free of charge, does not require the coach to sign off on any form (like parents and student athletes must do), and is the only acceptable course for fulfilling this new requirement.

Please also be aware of other Lindsay’s Law requirements for student athletes and their parents on the Ohio Department of Health’s website or housed on our website http://www.ohsaa.org/medicine . You may direct any questions about the LMS to Ryan Eldridge; Lindsay’s Law requirements to BCHS@odh.ohio.gov; and coaching permits to educator.licensure@education.ohio.gov.

Thanks so much for your patience with this process. Best wishes as we move closer to the start of the 2017-18 school year.