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SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST TRAINING FOR COACHES (LINDSAY’S LAW) – 2019-2020

Lindsay’s Law, Ohio Revised Code 3313.5310, 3707.58 and 3707.59 became effective on August 1, 2017. In accordance with this law, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Cardiology and other stakeholders jointly developed guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate interscholastic students and youth athletes participating in or desiring to participate in an athletic activity, their parents, and their coaches about the nature and warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest.

All coaches who have current PAPP credentials are encouraged to access this training via the Ohio Department of Education’s SAFE account which allows the coach to log into the Learning Management System (LMS). In a memo to all e-signers, which does not typically include our athletic administrators or principals, the ODE has indicated that individuals who do not have any current credentials – either as a coach or a licensed educator - are not currently able to access the Learning Management System (LMS) through their SAFE accounts, which is required in order to review the Ohio Department of Health’s Sudden Cardiac Arrest video and training materials. The Department is sorry for this inconvenience and has offered additional ways for those coaches without current credentials to receive this mandatory training.

For any individuals who are having difficulty accessing the LMS, the Department and the OHSAA suggests that districts ask these applicants to review the video and related materials on the Ohio Department of Health website (http://www.odh.ohio.gov/landing/Lindsay’s-Law.aspx) or via the OHSAA website. The Department has also provided a sample form that the district may use to document that any coach, who does not have current credentials, has received this training. That sample form can be found on the OHSAA website here: http://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Sports-Medicine/ComplianceDocument-AnnualSuddenCardiac ArrestTraining.pdf

Also, as suggested in the past, a district could arrange for a group viewing/review of the video and materials and have an administrator verify that all coaches present have received that training. As with all other requirements listed on the Coaching Permits webpage (http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Audiences/Coaching-Permits), local school districts are responsible for verifying completion of training. Licensure e-signers will need to provide an electronic signature verifying that each applicant has met all training requirements before the coaching permit may be issued.

We want to remind our members that this SCA training, which was developed by the Ohio Department of Health in collaboration with ODE, the OHSAA, our partners at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, the Cleveland Clinic and the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Cardiology is the ONLY acceptable training for fulfilling this requirement. We have learned of at least one other organization in our state that is apparently misrepresenting this information.

As always, feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.