

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

It shall be the policy of the Wareham Public Schools to enable targeted responders to deliver early defibrillation to victims in the first critical moments after sudden cardiac arrest. Responder's use of the AED should not replace the care provided by emergency medical services (EMS) providers but is meant to provide a lifesaving bridge during the first few critical minutes it takes for advanced life support providers to arrive. Upon arrival of the EMS providers, patient care should be transferred to them.

The School Nurse at participating schools, in consultation with the Point Nurse, will be the primary liaison between the School Department's AED program and the Cape and Islands EMS Inc. Medical Director. This person has the responsibility for maintaining all equipment and supplies, organizing training programs, and regular re-training programs, forwarding any incident data to the Medical Director, and holding post-incident debriefing for any employees involved.

Under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, persons who provide AED emergency services in accordance with his/her training shall not be liable other than for gross negligence or willful misconduct resulting from the rendering of the service.

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