NEW INFORMATION

Dominic Murray Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act

The Port Jefferson School District is required to follow the ***Dominick Murray Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act (SCAA).*** Participating in this act ensures that students, staff and parents are provided with critical, lifesaving information on sudden cardiac arrest risks. It ensures that signs and symptoms associated with cardiac events are evaluated prior to participation in athletics and that SCA is immediately recognized and treated to prevent death. It also ensures that students and athletes with a family history of cardiac significance are screened for cardiac abnormalities.

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is defined as the abrupt and unexpected loss of heart function. SCA can be fatal if not treated within minutes and even with treatment, death may occur. Preventing SCA before it happens is the best way to save a life.

The REQUIRED NYS SCHOOL HEALTH EXAMINATION FORM has a check box entitled "Family cardiac history reviewed" to ensure that your student's risks are discussed with your doctor and a determination can be made if there is a need for further testing and a cardiac clearance. This form is required to be completed yearly to participate in sports. Additionally, any student that signs up for a physical with the school physician will be <u>required</u> to complete the enclosed "Interval Health History for School Physical" in order for the doctor to make a determination regarding the need for cardiac clearance.

The Port Jefferson School District has 18 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) located throughout all district buildings in the event of a cardiac emergency. Staff members have been trained in CPR and the use of AEDs. The district proudly supports the Dominick Murray SCAA and strives to ensure the health and safety of their students, staff and visitors.

Please contact the Health Office or Athletic Office if you have any further questions regarding the Dominick Murray SCAA.

Thank you for your cooperation.