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CPR/AED Awareness Week

Last week we celebrated National CPR/AED Awareness Week. The week may have come and gone, but there's still time to make a difference. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation invites you to take the pledge to learn CPR, how to use an AED and help us spread awareness. Once you sign, resources will be emailed so you can learn more about sudden cardiac arrest, hands-only CPR, how to use an AED, and ways to get involved with Ready to Respond or the H.E.A.R.T. Champion program. Click below to check it out.

[**Take the Pledge**](#)

The Youth Energy Drink Crisis

Energy drinks are all the rage, but have you ever wondered how they “put the hearts of our youth at risk?” Youth Heart Watch Medical Director, Dr. Victoria Vetter from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, shares valuable information for patients and families. Click below to read more on the Project ADAM blog.

[**Read the Blog**](#)



Project ADAM: American Heart Association's 2026 Featured Partner

We are honored to share that American Heart Association (AHA) selected Project ADAM to be this year's featured partner for their Founder's Day celebration. This annual event brings together community leaders and partners to recognize those who have moved the needle forward with AHA's mission to make a long-term impact on heart health in our community.

Project ADAM was recognized as "a community partner whose collaboration, commitment, and leadership have strengthened AHA's collective efforts and expanded their reach, whose dedication to community health and safety has made a significant difference." Together, with partners like the AHA, we can save more lives.



Back to School Webcast

Save the date! On August 5th, Cook Children's is hosting a special Back to School Webcast, Implementing Cardiac Emergency Preparedness In Schools: Project ADAM and Texas Senate Bill 865. We invite you to join us as we take a deep dive into Senate Bill 865 and share how we can help schools meet the requirements to be compliant. Click the picture below to register.

LONDON PAYTON ACT

The London Payton Act (Senate Bill 865) has been signed into law, requiring all Texas public schools to implement a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP). Created by the American Heart Association, this law requires schools to take steps to ensure that students are prepared to respond to cardiac arrests. This law comes at a critical time as it is estimated that more than 12,000 children under the age of 18 experience cardiac arrest each year, of which about 10% survive.

WHAT THE BILL REQUIRES

APPLIES TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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WHO MUST BE CERTIFIED

By July 1, 2025, the following school staff must be certified by the American Heart Association:

- School nurse and emergency nurses
- Athletic coaches and coaches
- Physical education teachers
- Maintenance staff
- Custodial staff
- School athletic trainers
- Any additional employees designated by the school

KEY DATES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025
Training requirements take effect

FIRST DAY OF 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



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In the News: Texas Schools Have Until Fall to Be Ready for New Heart Safety Law to Take Effect

It may be the end of the school year, but time is ticking for schools to meet the requirements for Senate Bill 865, otherwise known as the Landon Payton Act. This year has been a whirlwind of CPR/AED trainings and AED drills as we work hard to help every school we can get prepared. Click the picture below to watch and learn more about Project ADAM's lifesaving work in the community.





Heart Safe School Spotlight



Another school year is in the books and we are proud to welcome 106 new Heart Safe Schools into our Project ADAM program at Cook Children's in 2026, with a special shout out to our newest Heart Safe School District, Coppell ISD! We're excited to welcome even more once school is back in session. Curious to see who's on the list? Click below and see if your school is on there.

[Heart Safe Schools List](#)

THANK YOU!
We couldn't do it without you.





Stay tuned to your inbox for our next newsletter!
Have an idea, story, or picture to share? We'd love to hear it!
Email us for a chance to be featured in one of our newsletters.

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Our Project ADAM Texas program at
Cook Children's increases sudden cardiac
arrest awareness and helps schools establish an
emergency response team, plan and AED drill
to ensure a timely, lifesaving response.
We educate school systems, nurses, coaches, trainers
and parents on sudden cardiac death and implement
public access defibrillator programs across Texas.
Since 2011, we've recognized 919 Heart Safe Schools
and 33 Heart Safe School Districts.

