



## MI HEARTSafe School Program

### Question and Answer

Thank you for your interest in becoming a MI HEARTSafe School! The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and American Heart Association (AHA) in conjunction with the Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young (MAP-SCDY) is pleased to recognize MI HEARTSafe Schools who have submitted applications and met criteria that demonstrate preparedness for a sudden cardiac arrest event. Below is a list of common questions, answers and reminders that may help you better understand the application process and the MI HEARTSafe School program.

Question	Answer
What is a MI HEARTSafe School designation?	<i>The MI HEARTSafe School designation recognizes a school's efforts to prevent sudden cardiac death of the young and preparedness for a cardiac emergency.</i>
What type of institution can receive this designation?	<i>Any school building in the state of Michigan can apply for the program. This includes but is not limited to preschools, elementary schools, middle schools, junior high schools, high schools, private schools, freshman centers and colleges/universities.</i>
Can colleges/universities apply?	<i>YES. Colleges/universities may apply for individual buildings on campus. Applications will need to be filled out for individual dorms, recreation buildings, academic buildings, libraries, dining areas, etc.</i>
Can an individual school program receive this designation?	<i>NO. MI HEARTSafe School designation recognizes the school building. Individual school programs cannot receive their own awards.</i>
Can a school apply if our school building has no organized sports and/or no after-school activities?	<i>YES; however, please remember that after school activities include programs such as Scouts, Latch Key, Girls on the Run, etc. If your school has no such program, please check N/A boxes for criteria related to organized sports and after-school activities on the MI HEARTSafe School application.</i>
Can more than one school building be put on a single application (i.e. the whole district)?	<i>NO. Each school building <u>must</u> apply for their own designation. Applications will not be accepted if it is for more than one school building or a whole district on one application.</i>
Can multiple schools apply that are within the same school building?	<i>YES. If multiple schools are within the same school building, please note this on the application in the last comment area.</i>
Does my school have to be part of a school district to receive this designation?	<i>NO. As long as the school is located in the state of Michigan, they can apply and receive this designation.</i>
How long does the MI HEARTSafe School designation last?	<i>3 YEARS. Schools may reapply once their 3 years ends.</i>

What is the main form of communication for the MI HEARTSafe School program?	<i>EMAIL. Emails will be sent regarding any questions, problems, concerns, application status, award acceptance and the award ceremony.</i>
Who should be the schools contact?	<i>The school contact should be the main person to communicate with the MI HEARTSafe School program. It is imperative that their contact information is accurate in order for the school to be properly recognized.</i>
What is a cardiac emergency response plan and how can the school create one?	<p><i>By state law (HB4713 approved in February 2014) every school in Michigan must have a written cardiac emergency response plan in place. The plans must be reviewed yearly by the staff.</i></p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> <i>Templates for creating a cardiac emergency response plan and cardiac emergency team along with more information can be found the website or by clicking the link below.</i></p> <p><a href="https://migrc.org/resource/cardiac-emergency-response-plan/">https://migrc.org/resource/cardiac-emergency-response-plan/</a></p>
Do I need a separate cardiac emergency response plan for organized after school activities?	<i>If the school building has organized after school activities, the written cardiac emergency response plan should include specific plans for after school activities. This could be included in the overall written cardiac emergency response plan, or in a separate written plan for after school activities. Each activity does not need a separate plan but plans and cardiac emergency response team coverage must be in place and the plan communicated to those using the school building for the after school events.</i>
Is it required for the school to have a certain percentage of students CPR/AED certified or "Hands Only" CPR certified?	<i>NO. Having a percentage of students CPR/AED or "Hands Only" CPR certified is not required.</i>
How many AEDs are a sufficient number?	<i>A sufficient number is estimated by time to scene, in place, and analyzing within a target goal of 3 minutes of any spot of the school. AEDs should be clearly marked and maintained according to manufacture specifications.</i>
Is it required for the school to have mobile AEDs?	<i>NO. Having mobile AEDs is not a requirement for the designation but can be helpful in cardiac emergency events.</i>
How will the school know if it has received this designation?	<i>At the end of the application period, a notification to the schools will be sent to make them aware if they received the designation or not. Communication to the main contact will happen if clarification on application items is needed.</i>

**Please Remember:**

- Provide valid and correctly written email addresses.
- If school contact information changes; it is the responsibility of the school to contact the program.
- The application deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

For questions about MI HEARTSafe Schools Award Program, how to qualify and apply, please check the website [www.migrc.org/miheartsafe](http://www.migrc.org/miheartsafe) or email [MDHHS-MI-HeartSafe@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-MI-HeartSafe@michigan.gov).