

Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT)

POLICY

It is the policy of the Calhoun County Public Health Department to help schools in Calhoun County (CCPHD) provide medical assistance to students/staff in the event of accident or injury on school property during regular school hours.

DESCRIPTION

Under the direction of the building nurse, each school has an identified MERT with 5-7 members who

- are CPR, AED, and First Aid certified,
- are trained in EPI pen administration,
- carry a first aid kit, and
- respond to medical occurrences according to the MERT procedure.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Training in CPR/AED/First Aid (free of charge through CCPHD) and bi-annual recertification
2. Participation in twice-yearly mock drills with school nurse direction
3. Use of an emergency First Aid kit (supplied)

MERT Activation

Examples of medical emergencies that require activation of MERT:

1. Large amounts of bleeding
2. Breathing difficulties (asthma)
3. Choking
4. Anaphylactic reactions (food or insect allergies)
5. Seizures
6. Injury to the head, neck or back
7. Diabetic emergencies
8. Suspected broken extremity
9. Loss of consciousness
10. Sudden severe headache, slurred speech, paralysis
11. A cardiac emergency



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A partnership between Calhoun County schools and the Calhoun County School Wellness Program.

Medical Emergency Flow Sheet

Occurrence

First person at the scene sends someone or calls the office
Office announces: Mr. MERT to _____ (location)

MERT Team Responds

First Responder-provides first aid, stays with individual, and delegates to team

Second Responder-activates 9-1-1 and gets AED (if indicated and available), escorts 911 to scene, notifies family, and makes copies of registration form and care plan if available

Third Responder-provides crowd control and the following documentation:

- Fill out ER worksheet and incident reports with copy for Nurse and Principal

MAJOR INCIDENT

1. Activate 9-1-1
2. Notify parent
3. Fill out Emergency Response worksheet and incident report (if warranted)
4. Make copies for nurse, principal, student services and EMS
5. Call principal and nurse

MINOR INCIDENT/CONCERN

1. Notify Parent