

CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS IN SCHOOLS

From the Desk of
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YES on HB 4160

I urge your support for this measure establishing Cardiac Emergency Response Plans (CERP) in our schools. The fiscal impact is minimal: districts already maintain at least one AED, CPR training is low-cost, and the planning requirements rely primarily on existing staff time. Yet the effectiveness of this preparation is profound. Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in youth sports, and survival depends entirely on what happens in the first few minutes—immediate recognition, rapid CPR, and quick access to an AED.

A CERP simply ensures that schools have a clear, practiced plan so those minutes are not lost to confusion. Many districts already exceed the minimum requirements, and this measure does not mandate the purchase of additional AEDs. What it does require is coordination, training, and readiness—steps that cost little but save lives. This is a commonsense, low-cost, high-impact measure that gives every child a better chance of surviving a cardiac emergency.

Did You Know?

23,000 CHILDREN experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year in the U.S.

ONLY 40% are sports related.

CERPs can **MORE THAN DOUBLE SURVIVAL RATES** from cardiac arrest by empowering people nearby to take action and:

- DIAL 911** 
- START CPR** 
- USE AN AED** 

In schools with AEDs, **70% OF CHILDREN** survive cardiac arrest. That's 7x the overall survival rate for children.

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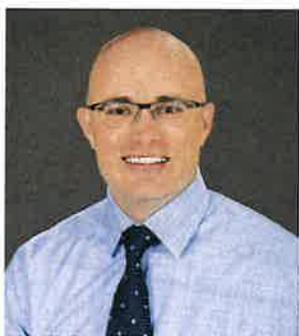
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Dr. James Bishara's Story **Pediatric Cardiologist**

A family my practice cared for had two sons who both suffered sudden cardiac arrest while playing school sports, but only the older survived because doctors were present and an AED was immediately available.

Years later, the younger brother collapsed during a basketball game where no one knew CPR and no AED was on campus, and he died before help arrived. Too many children face the younger brother's fate, and this is the reality we are determined to prevent.

Kaleb's Story

Kaleb appeared healthy at birth, but within hours doctors discovered his heart was functioning at only 8%, requiring an emergency angioplasty and leading to years of recurring heart failure and invasive procedures. His experiences showed how quickly a child's condition can deteriorate and how survival often depends on immediate recognition, rapid CPR, and fast access to an AED. Because children spend most of their time in schools and other community settings where preparedness varies widely, his story underscores why every school needs a practiced Cardiac Emergency Response Plan.



Mary's Story

Mary Taft's 13-year-old daughter Nina collapsed from sudden cardiac arrest during a soccer tournament, and her husband performed CPR while bystanders brought an AED that delivered the shock that saved her life. Paramedics restored her pulse, and after extensive testing and open-heart surgery, she survived a congenital heart defect her family never knew she had. Their experience changed them forever, and Mary now shares Nina's story to highlight the lifesaving importance of CPR and AEDs in schools and places where kids play.



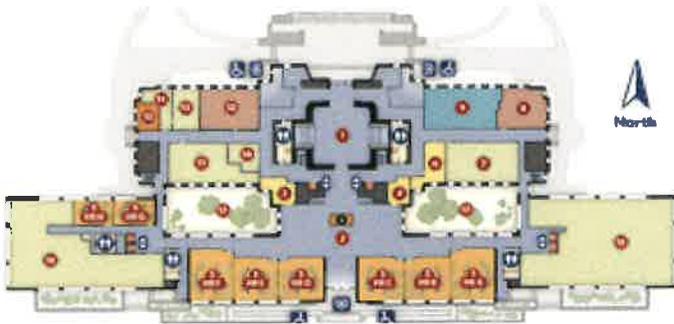
Liz's Story

A normal day at McKenzie River Community School turned critical when a teacher collapsed without a pulse, and nurse Liz Muzzey immediately began CPR while another staff member brought the newly installed AED she had worked to secure. The teacher regained breathing and a pulse before first responders arrived, surviving because the school had a plan, working equipment, and trained staff. This outcome shows how preparation saves lives, which is why Liz continues to emphasize drills, training, and the importance of immediate CPR and AED use.



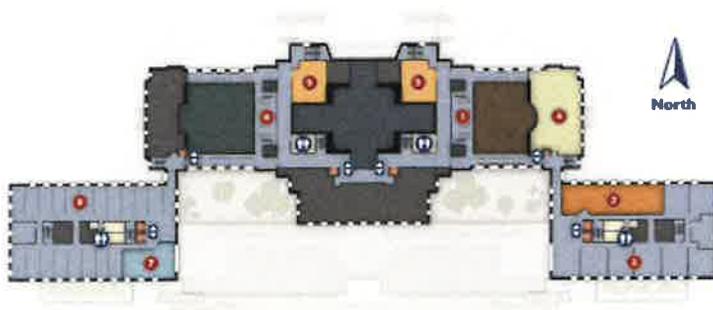
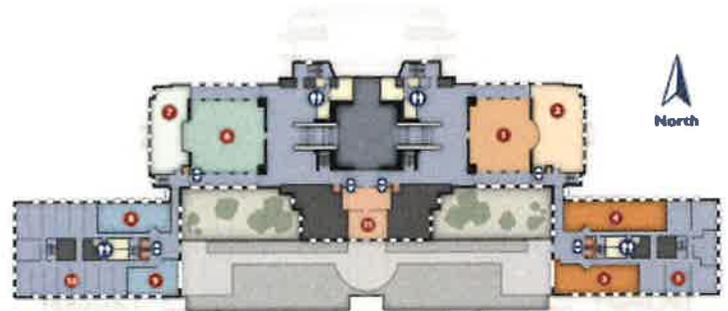
AEDs in the Oregon State Capitol

There are 8 publicly accessible AEDs in this building,
do you know where they are?



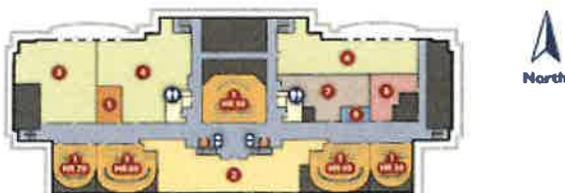
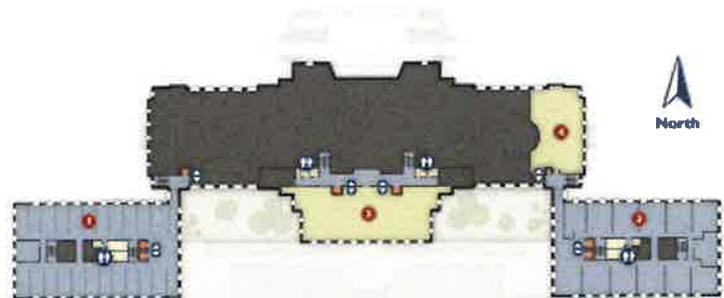
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