**AED Guidance**

Many schools in Vermont are equipped with Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs).  The AED is used to administer an electric shock to the heart.  This device contains internal decision making electronics and does not require that the user employ any judgement in its use.   AEDs are designed to be used by anyone using the building.

It is recommended that the school nurse oversee the storage, maintenance, training, and use of the AED. The nurse will assess and determine in partnership with EMS and school administration when and to whom trainings and maintenance may at times be delegated.

**NOTIFCATION:**

Notify local Emergency Medical Services of any new AEDs located in buildings.

**LOCATION:**

AEDs should be strategically placed and readily accessible for rapid use.

AEDs should be in an unlocked alarmed cabinet.

**MONTHLY AED CHECKS:**

* Verify that the unit is in the proper location.
* Verify that the unit contains all of the appropriate equipment designated by the manufacturer.
* Verify that the unit has performed self diagnostic evaluations as recommended by the manufacturer.
* Record monthly check in a log.