



Questions Log Concussion Management Webinar 8/8/12

Q: Is the State going to collect data from schools?[Jim Wright] [jwright@shufsd.org] [Q: 11:54 AM] [A: 11:55 AM]

A: The NYSPHSAA is not planning on collecting any data at this time. I cannot speak for SED but I have not heard anything.

Q: The certificate at the end of the course the template certificate has the wrong date -2010[Claude Kasman] [ckasman@bayshoreschools.org] [Q: 12:09 PM]

A. You have to click to the next screen and once you start typing in your name the date should change.

Q: Will the law be amended that students, or student athletes, must be cleared by Neurologist as opposed to Pediatrician. Most Pediatricians are NOT knowledgeable of Concussions and incorrectly clearing students[Claude Kasman] [ckasman@bayshoreschools.org] [Q: 12:15 PM]

A. Student athletes must be cleared by the medical director in order to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Q: If a coach, trainer, etc...feels that an athlete may have a concussion at 8:00 PM and they go see a licensed medical doctor and the school doctor signs off would they be ok to practice the next day at 3:00? [Craig Veley] [craigveley@geneseocsd.org] [Q: 12:18 PM]

A. The Law states that an athlete must be symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours and evaluated and cleared by a licensed physician, including the school medical director, in order to participate.

Q: what about the role of specialist physicians in the return to play protocol? How should they interact with the school medical director?[Nicholas Belasco] [drnickbelasco@gmail.com] [Q: 12:20 PM]

A. Concussion Management is a team approach in order to ensure the safe return to participation. The specialist and the school should have an open line of communication with the school medical director having the final clearance of the student.

Q: What is the recommendation for NON athletes , example: Students in Physical Education or recess?[Claude Kasman] [ckasman@bayshoreschools.org] [Q: 12:20 PM]

A. The law states that schools should follow the orders from the students primary physician except when gaining final clearance to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Q: Does the NYSPHSAA have a sample document for the parents to sign off?[Eileen Kilcullen] [ekilcullen@malonecsd.org] [Q: 12:25 PM]

A. At this time we do not but I understand that the CDC has a sample sign off for parents. Many school districts are adding language to their already used permission form.

Q: What is the cost of the DVD from the CDC?[Daniel McGlynn] [danmc23@yahoo.com] [Q: 12:27 PM]

A. I was not charged for a copy of the CDC's DVD. I don't believe there is a charge.

Q: What is the length of the course?[Dominick Vulpis] [dvulpis@eastrockawayschools.org] [Q: 12:27 PM]

A. The course last 40 to 45 minutes.

Q: When a student is in the RTPP, is medical clearance required before return to full contact practice (which was doctor visit #3) or are they just required to see an MD to be cleared to START the RTPP...and then ultimately cleared by the school medical director? Also, does the school medical director need to clear the student in person? [Timothy Abraham] [tabraham@sdmg.com] [Q: 12:28 PM]

A. A student needs to be cleared by the School Medical Director at the beginning of the RTPP and before they begin full participation. The School Medical Director will make the decision if they need to see the student in person.

Q: When do you think the "strongly recommended" items will be required? BOE Policy, Post Concussion Team + RTP Protocol[David Franskevicz] [franskd@swcsd.org] [Q: 12:29 PM]

A. We have not heard any talk about the recommendations becoming required but if we do we will share that with our members.

Q: Can a school make their policy more stringent than what SED has proposed?[David Franskevicz] [franskd@swcsd.org] [Q: 12:29 PM]

A. Schools always have the option of being more stringent they just can't be less stringent.

Q: Once Dr. clears students and RTP is required after the clearance my concern is once the coach sees the clearance they will assume to have student play before RTP....will Medical Director be required to have RTP on paperwork so it is clear?[Joseph LaPietra] [joseph.lapietra@rcsdk12.org] [Q: 12:31 PM]

A. Communication is the key. Coaches must realize the student is just cleared to begin RTPP not full participation.

Q: I would like to mention that a neurologist may not necessarily be up to date themselves on our law and new concussion management requirements. the best physician is one who is willing and up to date on all new information[Craig Olejniczak] [colejniczak@ecsdm.org] [Q: 12:31 PM]

Q: Just looking for clarification regarding any required "cognitive rest" upon return to school. Are there specific guidelines as to the academic changes for postconcussed students (in the classroom)[Timothy Bult] [tbult@fallsburgcsd.net] [Q: 12:32 PM]

A. The NYS Brain Injury Association has some excellent recommendations on their website for return to learn. There website is www.bianys.org.

Q: Is a person who plays a sport not sponsored by NYSPHSAA or a youth sport, is that considered a non-athlete and treated as such?[David Franskevicz] [franskd@swcsd.org] [Q: 12:33 PM]

A. Only students participating in interscholastic athletics need to be cleared by the school medical director. All other students should follow the orders from the primary physician.

Q: If NON student athlete, 3 rd grader, sustains a concussion, receives approval by Private Physician to return to activity, and is still exhibiting signs of concussion, won't district be held liable accountable if something happens?[Claude Kasman] [ckasman@bayshoreschools.org] [Q: 12:35 PM]

A. The district should work with the parents and primary care physician to ensure the student is returning to activity safely.

Q: Do Substitute PE teachers need the certification as well?[Jim Wright] [jwright@shufsd.org] [Q: 12:35 PM]

A. I can't answer that question. SED would have to provide the answer.

Q: Do they have to do all 7 days in the RTP? for example a student is cleared Monday to begin RTP, Tuesday is a track meet and they throw the javelin. The school doctor says okay is that allowed? do they have to do all 7 days? [Jamie Block] [jblock@valhallaschools.org] [Q: 12:35 PM]

A. The RTPP is a 6 step process with the final step being full participation back to interscholastic athletics. The Law states that the student has to be removed and symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours and

cleared by a licensed physician. If the school medical director clears a student before the end of the RTPP that is their choice.

Q: Is the school medical director, the school physician? Nurse? or a Certified trainer?[Daniel McGlynn] [danmc23@yahoo.com] [Q: 12:36 PM]

A. According to the SED the School Medical Director can only be a licensed physician, physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner. A school can have multiple school medical directors.

Q: What specifically is REQUIRED by school districts?[Claude Kasman] [ckasman@bayshoreschools.org] [Q: 12:37 PM]

A. Schools are required to ensure that all coaches, PE teachers, nurses, and athletic trainers have taken the approved CDC course on concussion management. This has to be completed this year and then on a biennial basis. Schools have to provide students and parents information on concussion management during the permission process. The information on the SED website must be on the school's website if one exists. A student diagnosed or suspected of having a concussion must be removed from physical participation and be symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours and cleared back to physical activity by a licensed physician.

Q: do you have information on how we can order a copy of the DVD from the CDC.?[Timothy Bult] [tbult@fallsburgcsd.net] [Q: 12:37 PM]

A. You can use the following email to request a copy. ncipcdirinfo@cdc.gov

Q: We have the parents sign off that they are aware of the districts concussion management program and that information is located on the school website. Is this Ok[Jim Sattora] [sattora@pavilion.k12.ny.us] [Q: 12:38 PM]

A. The law states that the district must provide them with information on concussion management it does not state how.

Q: BUT only a licensed physician can clear - not a NP or PA[Nicholas Belasco] [drnickbelasco@gmail.com] [Q: 12:44 PM]

A. According to SED the school medical director must clear the student and SED states that a school medical director can be a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.

Q: Is the NFHS "Concussion in Sports" - What you need to know" online training a sufficient course to satisfy the training requirement?[William Porter] [wporter@ccsdc12.org] [Q: 12:45 PM]

A. The only approved courses are the CDC courses at this time. The NYSPHSAA will continue to work toward getting the NFHS course approved.

Q: Will you run the webinar again[Jim Sattora] [sattora@pavilion.k12.ny.us] [Q: 12:48 PM]

A. We will have a recorded webinar on our website by the end of the month.

Q: To Clarify- School Districts are NOT required to have a concussion policy?[Claude Kasman] [ckasman@bayshoreschools.org] [Q: 12:49 PM]

A. Schools are "advised" to have a concussion management policy.

Q: It is required by the school board to have this policy in place[David Steele] [dsteele@heuvelton.k12.ny.us] [Q: 12:52 PM]

A. Schools are "advised" to have a policy.