



## **Southeast Regional Trauma Advisory Committee Position Statement on School Preparedness**

Southeast Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (SERTAC) supports mitigation efforts through preparedness activities for schools within Southeast Wisconsin. SERTAC is an organized group of healthcare individuals who have an interest in improving trauma care within their region of Wisconsin. SERTAC facilitates planning, education, training, and other preventative measures from the time of injury through the rehabilitation phase of trauma care. Improving trauma preparedness for schools located in Southeast Wisconsin has been identified as critically important.

SERTAC recommends the following broad based preparedness efforts for schools within Southeast Wisconsin to ensure the best outcome for someone if they were to get injured:

- Active shooter training
- Preplanned coordination with local Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and other local entities.
- Basic first aid
- Basic bleeding control
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training
- Availability of AED equipment
- Availability of bleeding control equipment
- Post incident stress debriefing

SERTAC recognizes there are many barriers surrounding performance of preparedness efforts. There are not exact answers for each of these recommended categories and fulfillment of their purpose can be accomplished through a multitude of modalities. Through continued, focused, and creative efforts, schools can accomplish the purpose of these recommendations.

SERTAC is readily available for consultation to assist with coordination in completion of these categories for schools within Southeast Wisconsin. Please reach out to the below contact with questions.

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