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Program to offer CPR and defibrillator training to students

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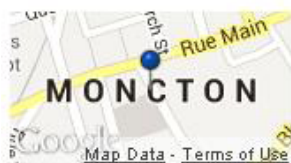
In this Jan. 10, 2011 photo, student Olivia Frierson presses contact pads from an AED machine onto a CPR mannequin during a CPR training class at Shaker Heights High School in Shaker Heights, Ohio. The Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians, representing emergency room doctors, is calling for mandatory CPR training for all Canadian high school students. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP, Amy Sancetta

MONCTON, N.B. – About 800 high school students in Moncton and Riverview will learn CPR and how to use a defibrillator each year, thanks to a new program that launched today.

Advanced Coronary Treatment Foundation (ACT) Executive Director Sandra Clarke says the aim of the country-wide program is to empower students to save lives.

"When they're at home they'll know how to perform CPR if a parent has a cardiac arrest and if they're out there in the community, such as at a hockey arena or a community centre and someone has a heart attack, the students will know to perform CPR and they'll know to pull that defibrillator off the wall and use it."

The Moncton Hospital has donated 16 defibrillator training units and 120 training mannequins.



Map

Students will be taught CPR and how to use the defibrillators, who will receive their training from New Brunswick Emergency Medical Services.

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