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Rep. Allen to attend EKG Screening for Youth Athletes

Rep. Scott Allen (R-Waukesha) will attend an EKG screening event for youth athletes from Waukesha West, South, CMH and Pewaukee High Schools on Monday, August 23 at 10 AM. The event will be held at Waukesha Fire Department Station #4, at 1721 Northview Road. The event is open to the public, but there is a registration fee of \$20. Registration is available at HeartSmartEKG.org.

“Sudden Cardiac Death (SDC) is the most frequent medical cause of sudden death in athletes,” said Rep. Scott Allen. “These deaths are tragic because they are so unexpected. With simple medical screening, the tragedies could be avoided, but many parents are unaware that the screening is important, or even recommended.”

Researchers estimate that approximately 1 in 200 people in the general population are genetically predisposed to “left ventricular hypertrophy and cardiac myocyte” (HCM). Often in those cases, the first symptom is death.

There are other causes as well. In 2019, Waukesha North student-athlete Kai Lermer suffered sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) during a basketball game with friends at Grandview Park. Lermer, age 16, had an undiagnosed condition known as Wolff - Parkinson - White Syndrome, an extra electrical pathway in the heart.

Rep. Allen will attend the event to raise awareness for sudden cardiac arrest and the need for youth athletes to get screened for potential problems. In February, Rep. Allen introduced [AB 82](#), which would require information about SCA to be distributed alongside concussion information to participants in youth athletics and their parents, and how they may, at their expense, request their youth athlete be screened. The State Senate has approved the bill, but it is now stalled in the Assembly Education Committee.

“This is a bipartisan bill, widely applicable to every youth athlete in Wisconsin, not just those who participate in WIAA athletics,” said Rep. Allen. “It would be a shame for any more children to die because some personalities want to play politics instead of doing the right thing. I invite people to contact their state representatives and ask that AB 82 be voted out of the Education Committee and brought to the full Assembly.”

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The 97th Assembly District includes portions of the City and Village of Waukesha and the Towns of Genesee, and Mukwonago.