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High school football fan saved thanks to school AED program

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Sixty-one-year-old John Tierney, was in the stands of the high school football playoff game between Locust Valley and Seaford, New York, on November 16th, when he suffered a heart attack, leading to sudden cardiac arrest. He was revived by a defibrillator that was at the scene and is now listed in critical but stable condition.

The quick access to defibrillation that occurred in Tierney's case has been credited in part to the efforts of a Northport couple, John and Karen Acompora. After their son, Louis, 14, died from sudden cardiac arrest two years ago while playing lacrosse, the Acomporas began to advocate for schools in New York to be equipped with the lifesaving equipment, knowing that not only students but also adults may become the beneficiaries.

The Locust Valley school district and several parent associations had purchased defibrillators shortly after Louis's death. Defibrillators will be required at every high school sporting event in New York when "Louis's Law" goes into effect on December 1st.

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