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Jill Kienzle has been a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) working in the secondary school setting for the past 15 years. She has worked with school districts of all sizes. She is currently the Chair of the Secondary Schools Committee for the Iowa Athletic Trainer's Society (IATS), and she is also the liaison between the IATS and the Iowa High School Athletic Association. Along with that, she is the liaison for the IATS working very close with the Brain Injury Alliance of Iowa. She is the Secondary School ATC on the Iowa Concussion Consortium. Kienzle has been VERY involved in the developing and implementing of the Return to Learn/Return to Play (RTL/RTP) protocol throughout the state.

“Return to Play Protocols: Following a Student Athlete Following Concussion”

The IATS is composed of Certified Athletic Trainers across the state of Iowa. Members of the IATS executive committee, along with state legislators, Department of Education, Department of Human Services, and other organizations have poured hours (years) of hard work to assist in developing the RTL and RTP protocols that have been put into law. This session will consist of: presentation of the law, scenarios that have occurred throughout this 2019-20 school year as it relates to RTL/RTP, presentations of RTL plans from different school districts across our state that are already in place, and questions Athletic Directors have. This presentation will provide an overview of the development of Iowa's concussion legislation, with an emphasis on the primary elements of current requirements for RTL and RTP protocols. Case examples will be provided to highlight key components of the law and challenges reported by schools across the state with time for Q/A and discussion of challenges in implementation of the law and risk-management considerations. The speaker is a licensed Athletic Trainer who was instrumental in efforts to develop current Iowa legislation



1. Attendees will review Iowa law as it relates to concussion and discuss scenarios related to implementing RTL and RTP
2. Attendees will discuss RTL plans that have been implemented from various Iowa school districts
3. Attendees will be able to highlight key components of Iowa law and the challenges school districts experience related to implementation