BACK TO SCHOOL – RECOVERY FROM EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DR. LAURA IRVIN, SPORTS MEDICINE, BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE HEALTH

{**ON CAM**}

WHILE SCHOOL HAS STARTED, THE HEAT SURE HASN'T STOPPED. THAT MEANS KIDS PARTICIPATING IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES LIKE BAND... FOOTBALL... AND CHEER- NEED TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS WHILE PRACTICING OUTDOORS.

{**TAKE VO**} TRT: BAYLOR SCOTT AND WHITE PRIMARY CARE SPORTS MEDICINE PHYSICIAN LAURA IRVIN SAYS HYDRATION IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WAYS TO STAY SAFE. SHE RECOMMENDS HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT DRINKING ENOUGH FLUIDS BEFORE PRACTICE GETS STARTED.

{**TAKE SOT**} DR. LAURA IRVIN BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE TRT: 25

So that's drinking water not only right before you're going to go on the field but the day before that. Making sure the kids are drinking at least 8 glasses of water a day can help throughout that period, but it's also making sure they're not dehydrated with electrolytes. So that's mixing in a sports drink as well, specifically if they're going to be working out for longer than 30 minutes out in the heat to help replenish what they're losing.

{**ON CAM**} IRVIN ALSO SAYS MAKING SURE KIDS EAT ENOUGH THROUGHOUT THE DAY IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF RECOVERY- AND SO IS ADEQUATE SLEEP. SHE RECOMMENDS GETTING BACK INTO THE RHYTHM OF A REGULAR BEDTIME AND ALLOWING OLDER CHILDREN TO PACK THEIR OWN SNACKS.