

## Oregon Board of Dentistry - Vaccine Information

HB 2220 was signed by Governor Kate Brown on May 6, 2019. This historic legislation now allows Oregon licensed dentists to administer vaccines after they have completed Board approved required training and follow relevant rules to administer vaccinations safely.

The Board undertook drafting and approving rules in 2019. The Board worked closely with the OHSU School of Dentistry, the Oregon Dental Association, the Oregon Board of Pharmacy, the Oregon Health Authority and other interested stakeholders to create new rules. The two new rules went into effect on January 1, 2020.

### **What are “Model Standing Orders”? They are to be approved by OHA. Do you know about this? If not, who would?**

The Oregon Immunization Program has been writing model standing orders for well over 20 years. They are approved by the OHA’s Medical Officer, prior to posting on OHA’s website. You can see the most current versions here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINES/IMMUNIZATION/IMMUNIZATIONPROVIDERRESOURCES/Pages/stdgordr.aspx>

### **Will the OHA through the Oregon Immunization Program (OIP) intend to do monitoring and oversight of the CDC reference and the emergency kit and contents?**

OIP will not be doing hands-on monitoring but there is a standing order that lists the minimum contents of the emergency kit. If those contents are not on hand when vaccinating, then the dentist is practicing outside the requirements of the law.

This would likely only come up in the event a patient experiences anaphylaxis, or another serious adverse event, after receiving a vaccine and does not receive the appropriate standard of care. At that point, the Board could take disciplinary action and the patient could pursue legal action.

### **Who is doing the oversight and monitoring?**

Medical providers giving vaccines are overseen by their respective board. OIP provides significant oversight and monitoring of providers enrolled in the Vaccines for Children program, including site visits at least every other year.

### **Vaccine Information Statement (VIS). Where do these come from? Who is responsible for their version control?**

VIS sheets are developed and maintained by the CDC. Federal law requires that they be given to a patient or their parent prior to receiving the vaccine. You can see the current versions here: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html>

VIS are available in many languages. Translations can be accessed here: <http://www.immunize.org/vis/>

## **ALERT Immunization Information System (IIS)**

What will it take to get dentists enrolled with existing system? Dentists will be able to enroll with ALERT IIS online here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINESIMMUNIZATION/ALERT/Pages/EnrollNewClinic.aspx>

## **What will it take to get dentists access?**

Dentists will have to enroll and will need to take standard user training which can be found here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINESIMMUNIZATION/ALERT/Pages/TrainStandard.aspx>

## **Is there training? Does that time need to be accounted for in any deadlines?**

Standard user training is divided into six segments available on-demand and takes about 45 minutes. At the end is a certificate of completion that will need to be emailed (or faxed) to the ALERT IIS Help Desk. Additional time will be required for processing new clinics and users as the ALERT IIS Help Desk has limited staff. If there is a huge influx of providers, it may cause delay in receiving their login credentials.

Additional trainings are available for dentists who would like to use ALERT IIS's vaccine inventory module or its reporting and recall functions.

## **Can other dental staff members access ALERT IIS?**

YES, multiple staff members can access ALERT IIS to look up a patient's vaccination record, update patient demographic information, report administered vaccines and print a record for the patient. Any staff member that will be adding information to ALERT IIS will need to watch the standard user training. If there are staff that need read-only access, they need to watch four of the six standard training segments.

## **Is there an expense?**

There is no cost to use of ALERT IIS.

## **Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)**

VAERS does not require enrollment, permissions or credentials for access. It is open to the public and any person may make a report. You can see the reporting website here:

<https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>

## **Is there training? Does that time need to be accounted for in any deadlines? Is there an expense?**

VAERS reporting does not require training and there is no cost associated with it.

## **Can dental assistants retrieve and set-up the vaccine (obtain the correct vaccine from the fridge and prep it for the dentist)?**

YES, because many vaccines look similar and have similar names, adequate training should be provided to any staff member accessing vaccines. It is the dentist's responsibility to administer the correct vaccine. Dentists have to administer the vaccine themselves.

**Can dental assistants document a vaccine in a patient’s chart or other documentation that takes place with vaccines?**

YES, there are specific rules in the Dental Practice Act: OAR 818-012-0070 regarding records and documentation. There are two rules which specifically address vaccines: OAR 818-012-0006 & OAR 818-012-0007 (*the rules are below*).

**Can dental assistants have conversations with patients regarding questions about vaccines?**

YES, similar rules referenced above apply: the dentist may delegate to others and reference the Vaccine Information Sheet (VIS) to answer questions. The dentist should be available to answer any questions that the dental assistant cannot or is unable to answer.

**Can dental assistants review and discuss patient form/questionnaire they get before getting the vaccine?**

YES, similar response as above.

**OAR 818-012-0006 – Qualifications – Administration of Vaccines**

- (1) A dentist may administer vaccines to a patient of record.
- (2) A dentist may administer vaccines under Section (1) of this rule only if:
  - (a) The dentist has completed a course of training approved by the Board;
  - (b) The vaccines are administered in accordance with the “Model Standing Orders” approved by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA); and
- (3) The dentist may not delegate the administration of vaccines to another person.

**OAR 818-012-0007 – Procedures, Record Keeping and Reporting**

- (1) Prior to administering a vaccine to a patient of record, the dentist must follow the “Model Standing Orders” approved by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for administration of vaccines and the treatment of severe adverse events following administration of a vaccine.
- (2) The dentist must maintain written policies and procedures for handling and disposal of used or contaminated equipment and supplies.
- (3) The dentist or designated staff must give the appropriate Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) to the patient or legal representative with each dose of vaccine covered by these forms. The dentist or designated must ensure that the patient or legal representative is available and has read, or has had read to them, the information provided and has had their questions answered prior to the dentist administering the vaccine. The VIS given to the patient must be the most current statement.
- (4) The dentist or designated staff must document in the patient record:
  - (a) The date and site of the administration of the vaccine;
  - (b) The brand name, or NDC number, or other acceptable standardized vaccine code set, dose, manufacturer, lot number, and expiration date of the vaccine;
  - (c) The name or identifiable initials of the administering dentist;
  - (d) The address of the office where the vaccine(s) was administered unless automatically embedded in the electronic report provided to the OHA ALERT Immunization System;

- (e) The date of publication of the VIS; and
- (f) The date the VIS was provided and the date when the VIS was published.
- (5) If providing state or federal vaccines, the vaccine eligibility code as specified by the OHA must be reported to the ALERT system.
- (6) A dentist who administers any vaccine must report, the elements of Section (3), and Section (4) of this rule if applicable, to the OHA ALERT Immunization System within 14 days of administration.
- (7) The dentist must report adverse events as required by the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), to the Oregon Board of Dentistry within 10 business days and to the primary care provider as identified by the patient.
- (8) A dentist who administers any vaccine will follow storage and handling guidance from the vaccine manufacturer and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- (9) Dentists who do not follow this rule can be subject to discipline for failure to adhere to these requirements.

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