

April 17, 2026

To: Interested Parties

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Subject: Notice of Proposed Permanent Rulemaking for OAR chapter 333, division 28 – Certification Rules for Local School Dental Sealant Programs

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Public Health Division, Oral Health Program, is proposing permanent amendments to Oregon Administrative Rules in chapter 333, division 28, “Certification Rules for Local School Dental Sealant Programs.”

These rule changes are needed to update and clarify requirements for the certification of Local School Dental Sealant Programs. The infection prevention and control protocols referenced in OAR 333-028-0320(14) are being updated to align with current guidance and requirements from Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Oregon OSHA), the Oregon Board of Dentistry, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Additional proposed amendments would clarify requirements for the Quality Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, update OHA site visit intervals, revise the verification review process for certified Local School Dental Sealant Programs, and strengthen compliance requirements. OHA is also proposing updates to quality assurance measures and further clarification of verification requirements for certified programs.

For more details, including a description of each rule's proposed changes, please see the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, including the Statement of Need and Fiscal and Racial Equity Impacts, and the full text of the proposed rules at <http://www.healthoregon.org/sealantcert>.

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You are invited to review and comment on the proposed rules. There are two (2) options to provide comment:

- 1) You may provide oral (spoken) testimony during a public hearing scheduled on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. Pacific Time** via video/phone conference using Microsoft Teams.
 - To provide oral testimony during this hearing:
 - Join using the [Meeting URL](#). You can also find the join link for the meeting in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking under “Remote Meeting Details” using the “Meeting URL.”
 - You may also contact the Public Health Division Rules Coordinator at publichealth.rules@odhsoha.oregon.gov to sign-up to give oral testimony and receive the link for the Microsoft Teams video conference via calendar appointment.
 - To join the hearing via phone (audio/listen only), you may dial 971-277-2343, phone conference ID 655 022 90#
- 2) Written comments may be submitted **before 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time on May 21, 2026:**
 - Email comments to: publichealth.rules@odhsoha.oregon.gov
 - Mail comments* to: OHA - Public Health Division
Brittany Hall, Administrative Rules Coordinator
800 NE Oregon St. Suite 930
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*Comments sent by regular mail must be postmarked by 5:00 P.M. Pacific Time on May 21, 2026.

 - Send comments by fax to 971-673-1299

Final rules will be filed after consideration of all comments.

If you have questions or would like a paper copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, please contact Sarah Kowalski at sarah.e.kowalski@oha.oregon.gov.

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