# Clinical Training for School Dental Sealant Programs

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Housekeeping

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Acknowledging the Last 17 Months

Responder Life
Federal Updates
Dental Benefits for COFA Population

• Compact of Free Association (COFA) citizens are from:
  – The Federated States of Micronesia
  – The Republic of the Marshall Islands
  – The Republic of Palau

• COFA citizens are free to travel, work, and live in the U.S. through a Compact of Free Association (COFA) with the U.S. government.

• In the past, adult COFA citizens have only been eligible for emergency Medicaid benefits or financial assistance through the COFA Premium Assistance Program to purchase health insurance on healthcare.gov (federal marketplace).
Dental Benefits for COFA Population

- December 21, 2020 – Congress passed an omnibus COVID relief bill that included full Medicaid eligibility for COFA citizens.

- Federal policy amended in the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 updated non-citizen eligibility requirements such that COFA citizens who were previously ineligible for coverage, or eligible only for emergency-services, now meet the noncitizen status requirements for full Medicaid coverage.

- OHA rulemaking is in the public comment phase.
Medicare Dental Benefits

- President Biden’s FY 2022 budget request includes “improving access to dental, hearing, and vision coverage in Medicare” as part of the healthcare agenda.

- July 1, 2021 – Representative Doggett introduced the Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act (H.R. 4311) that would cover these benefits under Medicare Part B.

- Senate has divided infrastructure into two bills: hard infrastructure (e.g. bridges, roads, and dams) and human infrastructure (e.g. health care, daycare, early childhood education, climate change).
  - Human infrastructure will be addressed later this fall.
Medicare Dental Benefits

• Senate Budget Committee has agreed on $3.5 trillion reconciliation package with non-binding instructions, which encourages the Senate Finance Committee to pass legislation to cover Medicare Part B to include a dental, vision, and hearing benefit.

• Challenge will be to ensure that dental coverage is included in final negotiations.
2020 Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health

- NIDCR will release *Oral Health in America: Advances and Challenges* in the fall of 2021.
- 20-year follow-up to the seminal *Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General*
- Potential themes:
  - Oral health across the lifespan
  - Effect of oral health on the community, overall wellbeing and the economy
  - Special topics (e.g. COVID-19 impacts, Addiction & substance use disorders)
  - Oral health integration and workforce
  - Emerging technologies and promising science to transform oral health
2021 WHO Oral Health Resolution

- May 27, 2021 - the World Health Assembly, decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO), voted to approve a landmark resolution urging WHO Member States to address key factors that increase the risk of oral disease that are shared with other noncommunicable diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity and cancer.

  - Places preventative oral care much higher on the agenda of primary healthcare systems.

  - Makes oral care services a key component of universal health coverage (UHC).
State Updates
Key OHA Oral Health Staff

OHA Health Policy & Analytics Division

• Kaz Rafia: State Dental Director
• Sarah Wetherson: Transformation Analyst
• Jonathan McElfresh: Oral Health Workforce Coordinator

OHA Health Systems Division

• Teri McClain: Operations & Policy Analyst (Medicaid)

Public Health Division’s Oral Health Unit

• Cate Wilcox: Section Manager for Maternal & Child Health
• Amy Umphlett: Operations & Policy Analyst, Team Lead
• Karen Phillips: School Oral Health Programs Coordinator
• Sarah Kowalski: Dental Pilot Project Coordinator
• Kelly Hansen: Research Analyst
• Stephanie Glickman: Public Health Educator
• Kristy Alberty: Administrative Support (8/16)
2020-2024 State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Priorities

- Institutional bias
- Adversity, trauma and toxic stress
- Economic drivers of health (including issues related to housing, living wage, food security and transportation)
- Access to equitable preventive health care
  - Includes access to oral health care
- Behavioral health (including mental health and substance use)
Systemic Racism Is a Public Health Crisis

COVID-19 highlights the link between racism and health

- Black individuals account for 13% of the US population
- And 22% of COVID-19 related deaths where race is known
- Black people are dying from COVID-19 at a rate 2.4x higher than White people

What makes the Black community more at risk for COVID-19?

- Higher rates of pre-existing health conditions
- Over-represented in frontline & essential worker jobs
- Unequal access to quality health care & insurance coverage
- More likely to live in hypersegregated neighborhoods
Systemic Racism Is a Public Health Crisis

Snapshot of resulting health disparities

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Maternal Mortality
Black women are 3-4x more likely to die giving birth than White women.
Anti-Racism in Dental Public Health

• July 20, 2021 – the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) councils released the white paper, “Anti-Racism in Dental Public Health: A Call to Action”.

• Describes how dental public health can engage in anti-racist practices and outlines action steps for AAPHD and the dental public health community to engage in.

https://aaphd.memberclicks.net/assets/Webinars/White%20paper%20FINAL%20July%202021.pdf
Oregon State Legislative Session

The PHD Oral Health Unit tracks any bill that is related to oral health, school health, access to care, CCOs/DCOs, etc.

- 2015 session: 25 bills
- 2016 short session: 5 bills
- 2017 session: 27 bills
- 2018 short session: 4 bills
- 2019 session: 32 bills
- 2020 short session: 6 bills
- 2021 session: 31 bills
2021 Legislative Session

HB 2969

• Requires school districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health beginning July 1, 2025.

• State Board of Education will consult with the OHA Dental Director and dental professionals with experience in public health and with children to adopt health education content standards for oral health by September 1, 2024.

• Prohibits OHA from reducing a global budget or denying reimbursement for costs claimed by CCOs related to care coordination or other social services surrounding school-based oral health services.
HB 2536

• Requires school or school district to offer lunches and breakfasts at no charge to student if school or school district meets requirements of special provisions of federal meal program or if student is from household with income that does not exceed 300% of federal poverty guidelines.

• Technical fixes to the 2019 Student Success Act
  – Established expanded income eligibility guidelines (186-300% FPL); however, schools must opt-in

• Makes the state income guidelines the default, rather than optional; effective July 1, 2021
2021 Legislative Session

- **SB 65** – Transfers duties, functions, and powers related to COFA Premium Assistance Program and health insurance exchange from Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to OHA on June 30, 2021...

- **HB 2088** – Tribal traditional health workers as additional category of traditional health workers

- **HB 2359** – Requires health care providers to work with health care interpreters from health care interpreter registry operated by OHA to provide interpretation services. Requires health professional regulatory boards, DHS and authority to adopt rules to enforce requirement…
2021 Legislative Session

- **HB 2508** – Prescribes requirements for reimbursement by OHA and CCOs of health services delivered using telemedicine
- **HB 2528** – Dental therapy licensure
- **HB 2627** – EPDHs can perform interim therapeutic restoration (ITRs) after diagnosis by a dentist
- **HB 3159** – Requires CCO, health care provider or health insurer to collect from patient, client or member data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages, disability status, sexual orientation and gender identity… (REALD & SOGI data)
2021 Legislative Session

- **HB 3352** – “Cover All People”

- Expands health care coverage to adults who would be eligible for Medicaid except for their immigration status, beginning July 1, 2022…
COVID-19 Pandemic Response
COVID-19 Response Timeline

• Governor Brown declared a state of emergency on March 7, 2020

• March 9: State Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) was activated to support COVID-19 response
  – Local and tribal Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) are also active
  – Uses the Incident Command System (ICS)
  – All agencies are involved
COVID-19 Response Timeline

• March 19: Executive Order 20-10 canceled all elective and non-urgent health care procedures, including dental, that require personal protective equipment (PPE) effective March 23, 2020

• March 23: “Stay Home, Save Lives” Executive Order 20-12 asking individuals to stay at home to decrease the spread and protect Oregonians

• March 26: Oregon received a Major Disaster Declaration as a direct result of COVID-19
COVID-19 Response Timeline

• April 14: Governor announced the plan to reopen Oregon utilizing a phased approach
  – Guidance & updates for reopening are on-going

• April 27: Executive Order No. 20-22 allows medical and dental offices and other health care offices to resume elective and non-emergent procedures that require PPE, starting May 1, 2020, if the criteria in the OHA guidance can be met

• June 30: Governor Brown rescinded all COVID-19 restrictions
OHA Response for COVID-19 Pandemic

• OHA serves as the lead agency for the public health response
  – All staff are asked to help with efforts (e.g., contact tracing, data analysis, etc.)

• OHA works with Governor Brown and local public health officials (LPHAs) to:
  – Monitor and suppress COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations
  – Reduce the health and economic impacts and disparities that have stemmed from the pandemic
COVID-19 Guidance

• OHA’s COVID-19 Healthcare Partner Resources webpage:
  https://www.oregon.gov/oha/covid19/Pages/Healthcare-Partners.aspx
  – Dental Providers subheading

• Former Guidance Documents:
  – OHA Guidance on Resumption of Dental Services in School Settings
  – OHA Guidance for Certified School Dental Sealant Programs
COVID-19 Guidance

Current Guidance Document:

- COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations: Providing Dental Services in School Settings

COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations: Providing Dental Services in School Settings

Date: June 30, 2021

These recommendations are not mandatory but medical or dental programs that provide dental or oral health services in a school setting are encouraged to follow these recommendations. Additional safety precautions and specific messaging may be necessary to assure school staff, families, and students that it is safe and important for students to receive preventive dental care at their school.

I. Definitions

- “Aerosol-Generating Procedures (AGPs)” means procedures that generate small droplet nuclei in high concentration, presenting a risk for airborne transmission of pathogens not otherwise typically spread by the airborne route (e.g., coronavirus, influenza). Use of the following instruments would result in a procedure being classified as aerosol generating:
  - High-speed drills or hand pieces
  - Ultrasonic scalers
  - Air-water syringes
  - Air polishers

This list is not exhaustive; other procedures also may generate aerosols.

- “CDC” means the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- “Dental service” means any dental or oral health service or procedure provided on school or school district premises but does not mean:
  - Dental services provided in a school-based health center (SBHC).
  - Dental services provided in a mobile dental clinic.
- “DHCP” means dental healthcare provider.
- “FDA” means the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
- “LPHA” means Local Public Health Authority.
- “NIOSH” means the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health which is a part of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
COVID-19 Rules for Certified SDSPs

- Temporary Rules – effective in August 2021
  - Will be posted online at [www.healthoregon.org/sealantcert](http://www.healthoregon.org/sealantcert)
  - Only good for 180 days

- Permanent rulemaking
  - OHA accepted applications to serve on a Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) through August 5th
  - RAC meetings will be held:
    - August 26
    - September 9
    - September 23
  - Final rules will be effective in January 2022.
August 2, 2021 – OHA adopted a rule requiring face coverings in all K-12 indoor school settings (OAR 333-019-1015).
  - Applies to public, private, parochial, charter, youth corrections education programs and juvenile detention education programs or alternative educational programs.

Other COVID-19 mitigation protocols (physical distancing, airflow/ventilation, etc.) remain local decisions.

https://www.oregon.gov/ode/readyschools/Pages/default.aspx
Required Guidance to Follow

• Dental programs must follow guidance and recommendations around dental services, school requirements, personal protective equipment (PPE), etc. from these entities:
  – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  – Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
  – Oregon Health Authority (OHA)
  – Oregon Department of Education (ODE)
  – Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)
Vaccine Rules for Health Care Workers

• Effective September 30, 2021, health care workers will need to get vaccinated for COVID-19 or face weekly testing.
  – OHA is currently writing rules.

• Applies broadly to personnel in health care settings who have direct or indirect contact with patients or infectious materials.

• Most likely will include licensed and unlicensed dental personnel.
## Oregon COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Dentistry

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Data as of June 27, 2021
Oregon ALERT Immunization Information System
Oregon COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Dentistry

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