

OrOHC K-12 Committee Survey Results, 6-4-2021

Are you planning to provide services during the summer? If yes, please write a paragraph with details of the sites, populations, and services you plan to provide.

Kyle Allen, Virginia Garcia: Yes, we are planning to provide sealants during summer school at Beaverton and Forest Grove School districts. We are also providing Head Start fluoride varnish at OCDC and Adelante Mujeres as well as at affordable housing complexes.

Molly Perino, Benton County: Yes, we are planning to coordinate with area Boys & Girls Clubs to offer a sealant/fluoride clinic on site as we have in years past. We offer services to all attendees of the club; target sites will be Sweet Home and Lebanon. There is a lot of brainstorming going on for other possibilities. Some ideas thrown out so far are coordinating with the library and book give-aways, summer lunch distribution sites, summer child care programs/sites.

Carolyn Tziu, Neighborhood Health Center: Yes, we will be offering sealant services to our districts in alternative settings. We plan to send info out to parents via school communication at the end of the school year and we will reach out to families that respond to offer a date. For North Clackamas students we will hold events at the school-based health center at Milwaukie High School. For other districts, we plan to use an NHC clinic during weekend hours. We just recently learned that all school districts in Oregon are receiving extra funding for this summer for robust resources and programs for students and families, so we are working on ways to best utilize this funding for oral health outreach and services. We hope to be able to provide some oral health services on campuses that are organizing summer events. We will offer our usual services to students and siblings of the Title I schools that we serve in each district.

We are also offering screenings and fluoride services to our head start/pre-k programs but have not yet set dates/locations.

We will continue to provide monthly services to the foster youth program that we are serving – services are provided at the foster home and include sealants and fluoride.

Liz Wyles, Dental3: Hillsboro – sealant and fluoride services in July; Molalla River – sealant services in July

Jodi Loper, Boys and Girls Club, Salem: We continue to provide comprehensive services throughout the Summer (open 12 months a year) in our onsite dental clinic.

Alicia Riedman, Lane County: We will only see Head Start kids this summer with our Outreach Program for their July classes providing EPDH exams, fluoride varnish, OHI, and case management. Each child will receive toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss packets.

What do you plan to do when school starts this Fall? Let's assume school will be in full swing, like before the pandemic. Will it be back to business as usual (e.g., same target population, same services)? Will you serve fewer schools, or the same number of schools served in 2018-19? Will you have to hire new hygienists/assistants or rehire previous staff?

Kyle Allen: It will be back to business as usual for us. If we need to adapt the program to fit new restrictions, we will make those accommodations. We will have the same staff that we had prior to the pandemic.

Molly Perino: Assuming life is back to normal, we are planning to serve the same schools as in 2018/2019 and adding the middle school in Philomath. Our staff has stayed the same; providers and support staff that would normally work in the schools were redirected to other work. We added hygiene days and supported the Health Center in other capacities during the pandemic. I also used the lessened clinical time to cross train support staff to do other things to help support the dental clinics as a whole.

Carolyn Tziu: Our plans for Fall 2021 are to resume service as usual if schools are allowing it. We are reaching out to schools this month to set dates. We will serve the same number of schools served in 2018-19, as well as the same population and will provide the same services (screenings, sealants, referrals). Regarding staff, our current hygienist will be relocating this summer so we will be hiring a new hygienist, but all other team members will remain the same.

Liz Wyles: We are planning to resume all services. Currently have 14 schools scheduled for sealant services in the fall. We are beginning to schedule our head start programs for the fall too. We are looking to hire another EPDH – posted on indeed.com

Jodi Loper: We will continue to provide comprehensive services and are in discussion as to hiring and providing transportation services once again from schools/home for dental appointments with us.

Alicia Riedman: We are hoping it will be in full swing in the fall, but time will tell. We have already received our all-school screening dates from Springfield. Usually, we provide sealants and fluoride on the screening days as well so most likely will do the same. We are hoping to continue providing services with all of our schools but have not heard from most as they are trying to navigate this ever-changing school year. I do feel like our clinics will be smaller to meet the guidance, and at a much slower pace. I imagine our numbers will also be down as it will be almost like starting over with new permissions, and parents did not have the continuity of signing the forms last year, so

will be new to many incoming k-1 families. Of course, parents could be very excited for these services as we have been out so long. We had two EPDH's retire last summer so will need to replace those positions. The rest of our staff still works for the County, as we were all reallocated to the COVID-19 Vaccination Team.

Do you feel adequately prepared to provide services next Fall in this new environment (i.e., using more stringent infection control measures; knowing there will be varying levels of vaccinations within the schools)? Please share any concerns you may have, or obstacles you need to overcome.

Kyle Allen: Yes, we do feel ready, however there could be issues with getting students to return to the program. I think the schools will set the tone at the start of the year. If schools invite multiple community partners to the building and show families it is important, then I think the students will return to the program.

Molly Perino: We are feeling good about returning. We have been able to sneak in a few schools at the tail end of this school year and allowed for a good small-scale introduction to the new process and gave opportunity to re-establish the flow of what we had been familiar with. The schools we have visited seemed surprised that we were logging staff and kids in with temp checks, had protocols etc. There hasn't been much question or concern from them about process or changes to what we do. I think we will face hesitancy from parents to have their kids participate. Return rates this year have been much lower than they have been historically. I have a letter to parents that we are now including that lets them know we have changed our processes and materials used in an effort to reduce aerosols and keep kids and staff safe. I'm recording which schools got the letter vs who didn't to see if there is impact from the additional information going home.

The only concern is the pace of how we see kids. With social distancing rules, we have changed from 1-2 kids at a time to just 1, so we are spending more time and need to adjust expectations for how many return days we need to complete the work.

Carolyn Tziu: Yes, we feel adequately prepared. We have been able to implement all infection control measures required during the pandemic and are prepared to continue these and/or adjust these as needed within our routine. We anticipate that if we are continuing to implement this level of infection control that service times will be longer and number of students served per day will decrease. To accommodate this change, we are planning to schedule additional days at each school we serve (possibly two weeks per school). We are also anticipating the changes that may be required if schools are still following a hybrid model of reopening. For instance, if 50% of students are still in online schooling, we will hold offsite events for those not on campus. We will continue to implement the infection control measures recommended and don't foresee any barriers to doing so.

Liz Wyles: Yes, I feel prepared. Laura has been working very hard on workflows and infection control guidelines with our staff. We will, of course, continue to educate ourselves on the latest guidelines and attend required trainings.

Jodi Loper: We are currently and will continue providing resources and encouragement for vaccination clinics and are in the works to host a possible well child event in the Fall.

Alicia Riedman: We do feel adequately prepared but I am not sure if the schools are feeling that way as they are still struggling to meet all of the guidance in front of them. I don't think we will truly know if it will be a smooth transition into our old routine, with a few new rules added, until we actually begin.