



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the Tooth Taxi?

The Tooth Taxi is the project of the Dental Foundation of Oregon (DFO), in partnership with the OEA Choice Trust and The ODS Companies, whose mission is “Improving oral health for Oregon’s children.”

### What are requirements for treatment?

An up-to-date medical history signed by a parent or legal guardian and a signed consent from parent or legal guardian.

### Which students can receive this treatment?

The Tooth Taxi visits schools that have a high percentage of students that qualify for the free & reduced lunch program. The Tooth Taxi gives treatment priority to children that have no dental insurance, children that have never been to the dentist, or children with an emergent need.

### What are the age limits?

We will treat students in kindergarten through 12th grade who meet the other requirements, regardless of age.

### What type of treatment will you provide?

The Tooth Taxi will provide basic dental care, including exams, cleanings, sealants, restorations and extractions.

### Are you equipped to handle acute dental needs?

Yes

### What are the qualifications of the professionals on the van?

The van is overseen by a dentist licensed in the state of Oregon.

### What if the student needs follow up care?

We will indicate this on patient visit summary.

### What if the student needs an antibiotic or fluoride?

The need will be determined by the treating dentist. Antibiotics and fluoride will be handed out on a limited basis. No narcotics or pain medication will be available or will be prescribed from the van.

### What if the student is afraid of receiving dental treatment?

Our caring and experienced staff will work with the child to ensure that he or she is as comfortable as possible.

### What if the student has dental insurance?

Preference will be given to the uninsured, those who have never been to the dentist and those with acute pain.





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### Where will the patient files be kept?

All files will be electronic records.

### How will the parent or legal guardian learn about the results of the treatment?

Each patient will receive a printout that summarizes the treatment.

### Will the school be liable if something were to go wrong with treatment?

Before any student is treated, the DFO will have received a signed parental permission slip and waiver that states that the DFO is responsible for the care given on the Tooth Taxi.

### Will there be any costs to the schools?

The costs associated with the Tooth Taxi will be covered by the generous contributions from our donors.

### What do we need to do to prepare?

The OEA Choice Trust representative & the DFO dental health van program manager will work with your school to coordinate the necessary paperwork and preparation for hosting the Tooth Taxi.

### Where will you park the Tooth Taxi?

The DFO van program manager will work with your school to determine the most appropriate and safe location to park the van.

### Do you need access to a power outlet?

Power outlet specifications will be provided to the school in advance of the mobile clinic visit. If power outlet specifications cannot be met, the van will run on a generator.

### Will there be an educational/prevention component program with the van?

Yes, we will offer to teachers a 15 minute oral hygiene presentation for their class. All students receive one-on-one education during the screening.

### How long will the students be out of class?

Appointments are scheduled for one hour. Students will be escorted from the classroom to the Tooth Taxi and back to the classroom.

### What if I have further questions?

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