



## HB 2220: Dentists and Vaccines Creating a healthier Oregon, together

House Bill 2220 would allow dentists to provide vaccinations. Dentists are an integral part of delivering primary health care services to Oregonians. As Oregon moves to a more integrated health care delivery system, utilizing dentists to screen for basic health conditions and provide preventive services such as vaccines makes increasingly more sense. Oregon dentists are Doctors of Dental Medicine or Doctors of Dental Surgery, and are well-educated to administer a broad range of vaccines, from flu shots to the HPV vaccine.

Oregon has established state policy on improving vaccination rates, and dentists can help additional Oregonians access life-saving vaccines.

***Oregon’s Healthy People 2020 goal<sup>i</sup>: 70% of Oregon adults receiving annual flu shots***

***Oregon’s 2015-2019 State Health Improvement Plan goals<sup>ii</sup>:***

- *Increase the percentage of school-aged children who are vaccinated*
- *Increase the percentage of adults who receive annual influenza vaccine*
- *Increase the percentage of adolescents who complete the HPV vaccine series*

HB 2220 would require dentists to utilize existing reporting mechanisms, protocols, and storage requirements already established by the Oregon Health Authority for providers currently vaccinating Oregonians. Dentists would also take vaccine-specific training, approved by the Board of Dentistry, prior to administering any vaccines.

**We urge your support of HB 2220. Together, we can create a healthier Oregon.**



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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINESIMMUNIZATION/Pages/researchadult.aspx>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/ABOUT/Documents/ship/oregon-state-health-improvement-plan.pdf>