



# Infection Control Checklist for Dental Settings Using Mobile Vans or Portable Equipment **FACT SHEET**

Dental infection control recommendations and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) apply to all settings where dental services are provided, including those that use portable dental equipment or mobile van systems. Such settings often present challenges in implementing these guidelines. The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) formed a national advisory group to develop tools for a practical community site assessment and infection control and safety checklist. The checklist and assessment form offer practical infection control procedures for use during oral health surveys, screenings, preventive care and treatment regardless of setting. The procedures are based on general principles of infection control and are determined by the provider's level of anticipated contact with the patient's oral mucous membranes, blood or saliva contaminated with blood.

## **Site Assessment**

<http://www.osap.org/resource/resmgr/Checklists/OSAP.siteassessment.checklis.pdf>

- Used when considering a new treatment site, equipment or providers. It is also recommended that the assessment be used for periodic review of site and equipment to manage new problems or correct existing concerns that may have been overlooked.
- Physical considerations: adequate space to maintain general principles of infection control, proximity of running water and electrical service; ventilation and waste disposal
- Personnel: training of volunteers and site personnel in principles of infection control; site personnel for follow-up of exposures

## **Infection Control Checklist and Risk**

<http://www.osap.org/resource/resmgr/Checklists/OSAP.checklist.portable.dental.pdf>

- Organized around the level of anticipated contact with mucous membranes, blood or saliva contaminated with blood or no anticipated contact with mucous membranes, blood or contaminated saliva.
- Assess absence of resources
- Adherence to accepted infection control practices; hand hygiene, PPE, immunizations; handling of sharps; management of exposures, reusable and single use patient items; management of medical waste; and dental unit water quality
- Strategies for implementing CDC recommendations

Using these tools will allow programs to determine what factors present challenges to providing safe, quality care and to make decisions about possible adaptations or the need to select another site to provide services.

**Additional Resources:** <http://www.osap.org/?page=checklistportable>