

Agency Response to Public Comments on 60-Day Federal Register Notice

On July 2, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) posted for public comment on Docket: CDC-2020-0072, Oral Health Basic Screening Survey for Children (60Day–20–20PM). CDC received three comments including one comment related to this notice. CDC did not provide a response to two comments because they are outside the scope of this information collection. The comments are summarized with responses here.

Comment #1

Statement: Respondent provided supportive comments on the importance of ongoing Basic Screening Survey in 1) addressing unmet oral health needs and improving oral health and overall health status of children, 2) enabling states to monitor population-based oral health status and states' progress toward the Healthy People objectives, and 3) helping program planning to improve access to care and overall health.

Response: Thank you for your comments that highlight the public health importance of continued collection of oral health surveillance data in children. CDC actively collaborates with various national and state agencies and organizations to support state oral health programs in their efforts to improve oral health and overall health by implementing effective public health interventions. A key component of building and maintaining state oral health surveillance is the Basic Screening Survey for children.

Comments #2 and #3

Comments #2 and #3 were determined to be outside the scope of this information collection. Therefore, a response from CDC was not warranted.

Comment #1

The continued data collection of oral health in young children is still a very important tool in accessing oral health. This information will help facilitate program planning, access to care and overall health. This screening tool enables states to access prevalence of caries, preventative measures and urgency of treatment. The CDC needs to continue this program especially since it involves Pre-K through 3rd grade children who may lack the parental guidance in oral health education. Lastly, the statistical information gathered will be used to measure the states' progress toward the Healthy People objectives.

Comment #2

Dear President Trump,

Lately you've been talking about "chokers," e.g. police officers that make mistakes under pressure like shooting someone seven times in the back.

We all know that you're not a choker. You're completely at ease in any situation, whether it's walking down a ramp, drinking a glass of water, saying "Yosemite" or finding a chart proving that your Covid-19 response is not the worst in the world.

Just continue being yourself. Extra Trumpy even. We love hearing you talk, especially about that treacherous ramp at West Point. Also about how you wash your beautiful hair.

Comment #3

How exactly did Robert Redfield get to be director of the CDC? Was no one more inept available?