



Lobby Day at the Capitol

February 24, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

State Capitol Building, Cafeteria area

Des Moines, Iowa

THINGS TO KNOW FOR THE DAY AT THE CAPITOL:

When visiting the Capitol:

Visitor parking is available.

Enter the Capitol building on the ground floor on the south or west side of the building.

Upon entrance, you will walk through a security scan area.

Coat racks are near the security scan area.

Look for IDHA at the tables in the cafeteria dining area.

What to wear:

Comfortable, casual tasteful attire.

What to bring:

Camera (most legislators are more than willing to pose for a picture with you.)

Money for lunch or a drink if you wish. Lunch is not provided.

Who will be attending?

Licensed dental hygienists and dental hygiene students and Tom Cope, IDHA Lobbyist.

Do you know who your legislator is?

To find your two state legislators (1 Senator and 1 Representative) click on the link below where you will also find their e-mail address. www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find

What to say if you have the opportunity to talk with your legislator?

Ask them to support our bill to “Allow Dental Hygienists to provide education and perform oral health screenings without being under the supervision of a dentist.”

A dental hygienist cannot give education to anyone or do an oral health screening unless they are under the General Supervision of a dentist or have a Public Health Supervision Agreement.

We have a surplus of oral health professionals, dental hygienists.

Educate Iowans about the importance of good oral care. "There is no health without oral health." The relationship between oral health and systemic health.

Help identify common oral health problems to refer to a dentist.

Good oral health reduces painful cavities, saves teeth, eliminates bad breath, and reduces the risk for heart attacks, strokes and aspiration pneumonia.

At NO extra cost, it may even save your life.

A toothbrush and tube of toothpaste will be available to give to your legislators.

What to expect at the event?

We will visit with the leaders of the legislature and have an opportunity to discuss our bill with them.

They are always anxious to visit with the students about their college. Be prepared to answer questions about your college and dental hygiene program.

They will explain the operation of the legislature.

Meet with Dr. Russell about issues that will and are affecting our profession.

Each hygienist/student will have an opportunity to contact your legislators. (Know the names of your legislators.)

What to do when you get home?

Send a thank you note to your legislator for taking the time to visit with you at our Lobby Day.

Ask them to support our bill and to place a priority on improving oral health for all Iowans.

Enjoy your experience at the Lobby Day at the Capitol.

Plan to come back next year.

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