

Care-a-Van for Vision Instructions for School Nurses/Site Organizers (8/23/2023)

The Lions will be at your school with our vision trailer at least 30 minutes prior to the agreed time set by your school. We ask that you have an area to set up the trailer and two motorhomes near an entrance door. When we come on your school property our group should be classified as “visitors” not volunteers. As visitors, our group’s general liability is covered under the Lions Clubs International insurance policy and not your districts’ insurance. We will try to make this event as worry-free and easy as possible for you and for us. We don't want to disrupt your normal school day.

1. We will need to know how many students are to be screened for vision and hearing at your location. We will be doing visionscreening for all of the grades your district requires including distance acuity testing.

2. We ask that you have our results form or your school district’s preferred screening results form ready, printed front and back, for each child. The students name label with birthdate or age should be affixed to the form. The age is required because our Plusoptix Visionscreeners referral criteria is set up by age. It is your option whether you put the label on the top left or top right corner, but please be consistent. The completed screening results forms will be returned to you for distribution to the parents at the end of the event.

3. We are now able to do your acuity or long-distance testing as is required in the Alaska State Vision Screening Guidelines for the Pre-school/School Population. We will use Sloan and HOTV charts in conjunction with our device to get more specific result numbers. Ages 3, 4, and 5 will be referrals if their results are worse than 20/40 or there is a two line or greater difference between the eyes. For 6 years and older they will be referred if their results are worse than 20/30 or a two line or greater difference between the eyes even if in the pass range.

4. We will have the Public Health Nurses set up in a motorhome or inside the school, whichever the school nurse prefers, to do hearing screenings. A second motor home will be set up as an optometrist office. Free prescriptions are available to all that are referred after visionscreening. We will have sample eyewear frames to choose from for those that have no insurance coverage (no Medicaid or Denali KidCare, no VA Benefits, or South-Central Foundation). It is the school nurses’ responsibility to verify who qualifies for the free glasses.

5. After the end of the school day, with your permission, we will open up our event to your community.

Thank you for allowing us to come into your community. If you have additional questions or need further explanations, please give me a call.

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