



Locations & Hours:

Mon–Fri: 7:30 AM–5:30 PM

Emergency walk-ins begin at 7:30 AM

**POLSON HEALTH CENTER
DENTAL CLINIC**

#5 Fourth Avenue East
Polson, MT 59860
(406) 883-5541

**ST. IGNATIUS HEALTH CENTER
DENTAL CLINIC**

35401 Mission Drive
St. Ignatius, MT 59865
(406) 745-3525

Services Provided:

Comprehensive dental services are provided at two new modern dental clinics that include digital x-ray technology and the newest dental health delivery systems.

■ Through a Tribal Council directive, dental programs prioritize children under the age of 18, elders, and recipients with diabetes. Resources are also utilized to expand community-based prevention programs into all Flathead Reservation school districts, Head Start facilities, and nursing homes.

■ Comprehensive dental services, available to all qualifying Tribal Health recipients, include:

- Primary care to prevent the onset of oral disease, including individual and community health promotion and disease prevention.
- Routine diagnostic evaluation and treatment to control the early stage of disease. This includes exams, fillings, scaling and polishing, pulpotomies, stainless steel crowns, and root canals.
- Pediatric (children’s) dentistry.
- Emergency services to control or relieve acute oral conditions (such as toothache).
- Early childhood services and public school screening and sealant programs.
- Nursing home program providing on-site oral and dental services for elders once a month.

- School health fairs program, providing education regarding oral health and hygiene while sparking interest in health care professions for future leaders.

■ Restorative dentistry:

- Root canals (limited to anterior, bicuspid, and first molars)
- Oral surgery
- Crowns*
- Bridges*
- Dentures*
- Partials*
- Flippers*

■ Dental hygiene is provided by dental health professionals, and includes services such as:

- Applying preventative materials to the teeth (fluorides and sealants).
- Counseling and educating recipients on oral hygiene strategies and good nutrition.
- Making impressions for study casts.
- Oral health assessments, oral health history review, oral cancer, and head and neck evaluations.
- Removing calculus and plaque (tartar) from teeth.
- Taking and assessing dental radiographs.

*These procedures involve a lab fee and completion of comprehensive dental work for qualifying recipients.