

## **District Health Department**

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## Solutions

Dear Parent,

Public Health Solutions District Health Department is working hard to improve the dental health of children across our district. We are providing children with preventive dental services.

In cooperation with the school, these services will be given by a Registered Dental Hygienist at **Tri-County Public Schools** on: September **25**<sup>th</sup>, **2017**.

- Dental Screenings
- Fluoride Varnish & Sealant Application (when necessary)
- Educational Materials & Dental Care bag

Please fill out *both* sides of the attached **Dental Hygiene Consent Form** to make sure your child gets these services. If your child has Kids Connection/Medicaid or private dental insurance, we will be billing for these services. Keep in mind that these services will not count as a provider visit with your family dentist. Please include your insurance information on the back of the **Dental Hygiene Consent Form**, or include a photocopy of the insurance card. If your child does not have dental insurance, a \$10 contribution is greatly appreciated, though no child will be turned away based on ability to pay. You can enclose your contribution with the completed and signed consent form in the envelope provided.

Here are a few facts about fluoride varnish and dental sealant application:

- Fluoride varnish is recommended for children of all ages, even infants.
- The fluoride varnish is painted on the teeth with a small brush.
- Fluoride varnish is quick and painless, and does not have a bad taste.
- Children should not eat hard foods, chewy foods, or gum on the day they get varnish-this will chip the varnish off.
- The fluoride varnish sticks to the teeth until brushed away the next day, but the benefits of the fluoride will last for many months. Fluoride varnish should be reapplied every 3-4 months for best results.
- Dental sealants, a white plastic material applied to chewing surfaces to prevent cavities, will only be applied if a child needs them.

Please feel free to call Public Health Solutions if you have any questions about the services we will provide.

Kind regards,

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