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Dear Parents,

The Stanly County Dental Clinic staff is providing dental **SEALANTS** to students in the 2nd and 3rd grade in Stanly County public elementary schools.

Dental **SEALANTS** are plastic coatings that are placed on the back teeth to prevent cavities. They are easy to place and can protect the teeth for many years.

This sealant program will take place at your child's school. There will be no direct cost to you as this dental program has received partial funding through a Duke Endowment grant.

All children are eligible to receive the sealants. This includes children with private insurance, no insurance and those covered by Medicaid or Health Choice. Our clinic will bill Medicaid, Health Choice, or private insurance. If your child has this, please write your or your child's number/information in the space provided.

Your child may have already had sealants placed if he/she has a dental home. Please check with your dentist if you are unsure and want your child to participate.

If your child is a patient at the Stanly County Dental Clinic on a regular recall schedule, their teeth will already have sealants.

Please complete the attached permission form/health history and return to your child's teacher ASAP if you want your child to participate in the program.

Thank you!

Stanly County Dental Clinic Staff

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CONSENT FOR DENTAL SEALANTS

To be completed by PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Child's Name _____ male/female _____
(please circle) Date of Birth _____ School _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Teacher _____

Address _____ Grade _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ County _____

Does your child receive: (Please circle "Yes" or "No" for each)

Yes No Medicaid

If yes, what is the Medicaid Recipient ID Number: _____

Yes No NC Health Choice

If yes, what is the Health Choice Recipient ID Number: _____

Yes No Private Dental Insurance

If yes, what is the Insurance Company Name: _____

Subscriber's ID # _____

Subscriber's name and DOB _____ / ____ / ____

Yes No Uninsured

Health history: Has your child had any of the following: (Please circle yes or no for each)

Yes No Diabetes

Yes No Seizures

Yes No Latex allergy

Yes No Other allergies (describe) _____

Yes No Asthma, If yes and inhaler is used at school, the inhaler must be present during treatment.

Yes No Any other medical conditions/comments: _____

List prescriptions, if any: _____

Check Yes or No. Sign Your Name and Date the Form

___ Yes, I give:

- My consent for a visual examination of my child's mouth in order to determine which teeth need sealants.
- My consent for dental sealants to be placed on my child's teeth; cleaning, and/or fluoride varnish treatment.
- Permission for the Stanly County Dental Clinic staff to follow up with the school nurse to clarify questions about my child's health history or dental history.

___ No, I do not want my child to participate.

I understand that the Stanly County Dental Clinic staff will let me know if my child needs additional dental care. I understand that x-rays will not be taken and that decay may be present in between teeth that cannot be seen without x-rays. I understand it is my responsibility to get the additional care if needed. Due to time limits, I understand that my child may not be included in this project.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED. PLEASE SEAL THE ENVELOPE
THANK YOU!



As a molar grows, pits and grooves form on the top of the tooth. These grooves can trap food and bacteria and cause decay.



A dental sealant fills the grooves. This keeps food out and makes it easier to keep the tooth clean.

Why do molars need dental sealants?



Toothbrush bristles cannot clean out food and bacteria trapped in open grooves.



Dental sealants fill pits and grooves. This keeps the food out, and makes the tooth easier to clean.

How do dental sealants prevent decay?

Dental sealants

Questions & Answers

Who should get sealants on their teeth?

Children should be checked by a dentist to find out if sealants might prevent decay. The best time to check would be just after the six-year molars appear. Teeth should be checked again just after the twelve-year molars appear. These molars are permanent teeth and will not grow back if they are lost to decay.

Why is preventing decay with sealants better than repairing a diseased tooth?

Sealants can prevent decay and save the structure of the natural tooth. Sealants can prevent the pain caused by decayed teeth. Sealants can prevent the trouble, expense, and discomfort of dental repairs.

How long do sealants last?

Sealants should last up to ten years with proper care. Proper care includes regular brushing and flossing and a healthy diet, low in sweets. Children should not chew ice or bite hard objects, such as hard candy. Sealants that get damaged or loose can easily be repaired by your dentist.

Does it hurt to have sealants put on teeth?

No, getting a sealant is painless. It only takes about five minutes per tooth. No drilling or shots are necessary. Normal daily routines and meals can resume immediately after sealants are applied. There is no recovery time, or soreness.

Do baby teeth need sealants?

Sometimes baby teeth have pits and grooves that are deep enough to trap food and cause decay. This could make them come out earlier than they should. Sealants can prevent problems. Your dentist can advise you if sealants are recommended for your child.

How much do sealants cost?

Generally, sealing one tooth costs less than filling one tooth. Unfortunately, a filling is usually just the first step to saving a tooth damaged by decay. Decay prevention with sealants and regular care is cheaper in the long run.

