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**School Based Teledentistry and Sealant Programs.**

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services strongly encourages schools to take advantage of the Teledentistry and Sealant Program to reduce tooth decay in Missouri children. It is free, safe and very effective.

**It's Free:**

The teledentistry sealant program provided through (List Name of Organization) with funding from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the Office of Dental Health (ODH) is a free community-based oral health program offered to Missouri children in their school setting.

**It's Safe:**

Screening, fluoride varnish placement, and sealant placement are all considered very safe because they produce almost no aerosols. The only possible aerosols are from normal activities like talking, coughing or sneezing. At this time, using a mask and examination gloves are the personal protective equipment that are required to safely perform these activities.

**It Complies with the Latest Guidelines:**

DHSS and Office of Dental Health are staying informed as the situation of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve. We continue to monitor guidelines from the American Dental Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for new recommendations and best practices to continue with dental screenings, applications of fluoride varnish, and sealant placement in a school setting. If there are new recommendations that change this protocol a revision will be issued.

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