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Dear Superintendents, Principals, and Nurses,

We hope you and your families are safe and well.

We are writing to solicit your support for essential, in-school, cavity prevention programs, when schools reopen.

As you know, bringing care to kids in schools increases access, improves health, and reduces time out of school.

Conversely, poor oral health (and toothaches) reduces school attendance, learning, and standardized test scores.

The cavity prevention programs are safe and effective. They will follow current COVID-19 clinical and infection control guidance from the CDC, OSHA, ADA, and protocols specific to each school district. The programs will take precautions to protect the students, the faculty, and the clinicians.

The programs are spray and spatter free, (i.e., aerosol free). All clinical staff will wear personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect everyone. PPE will include: gloves, gowns, facemask, protective eyewear, and face shield.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services is promoting school-based dental care in partnership with New Hampshire Department of Education, New Hampshire Dental Society, Northeast Delta Dental, and local community organizations.

We look forward to continuing our partnerships with you, the local prevention programs and the state organizations, as schools reopen.

If you have any questions, please contact Laural Dillon.

Sincerely,

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