



# Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center

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## DENTAL SCREENINGS & FLUORIDE VARNISH 2023-2024

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and your school district offer an oral health program to help stop tooth decay. The program is offered to all children in Missouri, including those who receive regular dental care and those who are going thru orthodontics. The dental screening for the school will be on August 11, 2023.

**All students will receive free dental screenings.** A dentist or hygienist will do an oral screening for your child’s teeth. A trained volunteer will put a thin coating of fluoride varnish on your child’s teeth to help stop tooth decay. The fluoride varnish is applied **twice** during the school year. Fluoride varnish is safe to use in stopping and reversing small areas of early tooth decay. A report of the dental screening results will be sent home with your child.

- Tooth decay is the most common childhood illness that can be stopped.
- Children in the U.S. miss over 51 million hours of school because of dental problems.
- Decay in baby and adult teeth can be painful. It can stop children from eating, speaking, sleeping, and learning.

No special arrangements can be made for students who are not in attendance that day. **Your child has to get the 1<sup>st</sup> fluoride varnish application in order to receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> application. This service does not replace a regular dental check-up. It is recommended to a visit a dentist once a year.**

There is no cost for the fluoride varnish treatment; but you must give your consent. Return to the nurse.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, I want my child to receive **two** applications of fluoride varnish, approximately four to six-months apart.

\_\_\_\_\_ **No**, I do **not** want my child to have the fluoride varnish.

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Latex allergies? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks,

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