



University of Kentucky College of Dentistry
Western Kentucky Regional Outreach Program
Early Childhood Cavities Prevention Program 2009-2010

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The UK Dental Team will be coming to the Marshall County Elementary and Middle Schools. The team will perform a screening, toothbrush cleaning, fluoride varnish and any necessary sealants on permanent back teeth for all students with completed and returned consent, medical history, and privacy forms. All services will be at **NO COST TO YOU**, but may be billed to dental insurance carriers including Medicaid/KCHIP. If your child already has a dental home and receives regular preventive and restorative care, this service may not be needed. A dental home is a dentist's office where ROUTINE care is given, not emergency care only!

- The dentist will perform a screening to see if any clinical signs of disease are present.
- The dentist or dental hygienist will brush each child's teeth with a **toothbrush** that the child will take home.
- The dentist or dental hygienist will also paint each child's teeth with a **fluoride varnish**. This new clear gel is painted on with a little toothbrush and it has been proven to **help prevent** early cavities.
- Dental Sealants will be placed on any "decay-free, restoration-free" permanent back teeth. This may include molars and/or premolars.
- A "**Dental Report Card**" will be sent home to let you know if your child needs any other dental work or if a more detailed exam is recommended.

Each visit will be done at your child's school. Your school's family resource office will have the dates that we will be at the school. Should your child be absent on the day of the visit, other arrangements may be made to complete the treatment if time allows on another date. Please sign and return the **Consent Form, Medical History, and Receipt of Privacy Act**, immediately if you are interested.

If your child is seeing a dentist on a regular basis, please continue seeking treatment with that provider in order to have consistency in your child's oral health. Your child may participate in the school based preventive program if he or she has a regular dentist. If your child needs fillings or other dental care, you can take your "**Dental Report Card**" to your dental office of choice for treatment. If you do not have a dental home, we will be happy to provide a list of potential dental offices to visit.

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