

Greater Derry Oral Health Collaborative Corporation
Children's Dental Network

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Working Together for Healthier Kids

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Dear parents,

The staff at the Children's Dental Network and the Salem Children's Dental Network hope you and your families are doing well during such uncertain times. We are working diligently to create a plan to continue providing preventive dental services to students in the seven towns we serve. (Derry, Londonderry, Hampstead, Sandown, Chester, Windham and Salem) Of course, we also await guidance and decisions from our state officials and local school districts. We hope to serve our children and families on some level this fall.

During this time, when health concerns are at a heightened level, we'd like to assure our schools and families that our school based oral health program has always practiced the highest level of infection control procedures following guidelines from the CDC (Center for Disease Control), the ADA (American Dental Association) and OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration). Whenever possible, our equipment is disposable and we also have an onsite autoclave (steam under pressure) for any item that requires sterilization. Our staff wears personal protective equipment which includes using new gloves and mask for every patient as well as many other universal precautions. Our program provides non-invasive, aerosol free preventive dental services that promote health and wellness.

Our program is supervised by Rachel Polgrean, DDS, MSD and governed by a Board of Directors including several dentists from the community, school nurses, a school social worker, a principal and a public health professional. This fall will mark the start of our 28th year providing preventive dental services to families without access to dental care.

Please visit our website at www.ChildrensDentalNetwork.org for information regarding the mission of our program and feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. We hope to see your students in some capacity this fall.

Sincerely,

Dianne Powers, RDH, CPHDH, Program Director