## **SEAL MINNESOTA**

## A STATEWIDE IN-SCHOOL DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAM

GETTING KIDS

READY FOR SCHOOL

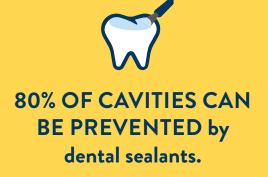
ONE SMILE AT A TIME



50% OF MINNESOTA 3RD GRADERS have experienced tooth decay.



UNTREATED CAVITIES can cause pain and infection that can lead to problems with eating, speaking, playing and learning.



- Licensed dental teams will visit your school and apply sealant on children's back teeth to prevent future cavities.
- Getting sealants is safe, quick, painless, and comfortable.
- Participation in this program requires parents/guardians to sign a written permission form.
- At a minimum, children will receive dental screening, oral health education, dental sealants and a warm handoff for follow-up care as needed.
- There is typically no cost to the students.



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IN-SCHOOL DENTAL SEALANT PROGRAMS

**OR DENTAL SEALANTS:** Talk to your school nurse, a community dental hygienist or dentist, contact MDH at <u>health.oral@state.mn.us</u> or scan the code.

Schools are important partners in preventing cavities in children who might not receive regular dental care. Please welcome SEAL Minnesota Program to your school and promote the benefits of dental sealants among students, teachers, staff, and families.

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