

NO-COST SCHOOL-BASED ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Cavity Free AZ Sealant Program is a school-based preventive oral health program provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Office of Oral Health.

The program delivers preventive dental services directly to eligible schools at no cost.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Dental Sealants for Cavity Prevention
- Oral Health Education Presentations
- Silver Diamine Fluoride
- Dental Sealant Repair
- Dental Screenings
- Fluoride Varnish

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The program serves 2nd and 6th-grade students attending eligible Arizona schools. Schools qualify if 50% or more of enrolled students participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) program. Services are delivered on-site at participating schools at no cost to families.

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WHY THE PROGRAM MATTERS

Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease, occurring five times more often than asthma and seven times more often than hay fever. Oral health problems contribute to an estimated 52 million missed school hours each year, negatively impacting academic performance and overall well-being. School-based preventive programs like Cavity Free AZ reduce barriers to care, address unmet dental needs and help prevent costly, avoidable dental treatment through early intervention.

PARTNERSHIP & COLLABORATION

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS, & COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

The program is administered by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) in collaboration with county public health departments and community health centers designated as Cavity Free AZ dental providers. These entities work directly with schools to ensure that services are delivered effectively, providing on-site screenings and preventive care.

COLLABORATION WITH ARIZONA HEALTH COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM

The program collaborates with AHCCCS health plans to facilitate reimbursement and expand access to preventive dental services for enrolled children.