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Protocol for School Based Dental Screenings and Fluoride Varnish.

The Preventive Services Program (PSP)* provided through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and the Office of Dental Health (ODH) is a free community-based oral health program offered to all Missouri children in their school setting. PSP provides an oral health screening once a year and a fluoride varnish application twice a year.

Screening and Fluoride varnish placement are both considered low risk aerosol procedures. The only possible aerosols produced are from talking, coughing or sneezing. At this time using a mask and examination gloves are the personal protective equipment that are required to safely perform these activities.

DHSS and Office of Dental Health are staying informed as the situation of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve. We continue to monitor guidelines from the American Dental Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for new recommendations and best practices to continue the PSP with dental screenings and applications of fluoride varnish in a school setting. If new recommendations that change this protocol a revision will be issued.

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