



# Caring for Kids - School Dental Program

This year your child has an opportunity to participate in the Caring for Kids school-based cavity prevention program through Community Health Connections.

## The Caring for Kids Dental Program is no cost to you!

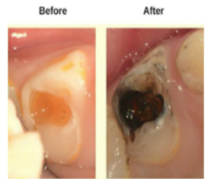
Every school-aged child regardless of insurance status or ability to pay is eligible to participate. There is no cost to the patient. (If the child has insurance- the insurance will be billed.)

### The CFK cavity prevention program will provide the following services in your child's school:

- **A dental examination:** To check the teeth, mouth, and gums.
- **Teeth Cleaning:** To remove plaque.
- **Fluoride treatment:** Painted on the teeth to protect from cavities.
- **Dental Education:** To teach children how to take care of their teeth.
- **X-rays:** To check for cavities in between the teeth, to check infections on the root (as needed).
- **Sealants:** Placed on the chewing surface of the teeth to prevent cavities (as needed).
- **SMART Restorations:** To remove/ treat decay and seal tooth/teeth with a protective coating (as needed).
- **Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF):** To stop cavities from forming, growing or spreading to other teeth (as needed).

**SDF:** Dental cavities are very common in children, but now our in-school dentists have a safe, painless alternative to traditional cavity drilling procedures called silver diamine fluoride (SDF). SDF is an FDA-approved antibiotic liquid used to help prevent cavities from forming, growing, or spreading to other teeth. It is simply brushed on the tooth.

- The in-school dentist will use SDF on back teeth only.
- It's normal for SDF to stain the cavity brown or black.
- The brown/black color means the SDF is working.
- The healthy parts of the tooth will not be stained.
- SDF treatment may not eliminate the need for a traditional filling.
- SDF can temporarily stain nearby areas in the mouth
- The stain causes no harm and should disappear on its own within a few days to a couple of weeks
- SDF may cause a temporary metallic taste.



**If your child needs a dentist, we will help you find a local dentist and get an appointment for care.**

The care received in this program is only preventive. Preventive care does not substitute or replace dental care. If your child needs further dental treatment, this will be your responsibility. If you would like a copy of your Notice of Privacy, please visit our website [www.chcfhc.org](http://www.chcfhc.org)

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**SEND THE Completed INFORMATION FORM Back TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL**  
**If you have questions, call Caring for Kids 978-878-8370.**

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