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MEDIA ALERT

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SCPHD Offering Dental Sealant Clinics for Students at Woodside Elementary School in Hailey

HAILEY-South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is offering dental sealants to children in grades 1-5 at Woodside Elementary School during the month of April. Registered dental hygienists will be placing the sealants, which are a safe coating that is painted onto the chewing surfaces of a child's back teeth. This coating helps protect teeth from cavities by keeping germs and food out of the deep grooves in the surface of the teeth.

Fluoride varnish will also be provided to all children receiving sealants. Fluoride varnish, which is a gel-like substance that is "painted" on the child's teeth with a small brush, strengthens tooth enamel to reduce and/or prevent tooth decay. The varnish is very safe since it's applied directly to the teeth.

SCPHD will bill Medicaid, Blue Cross, Regence, and Delta Dental for these services; however, children who are uninsured can still be seen at these clinics. The Woodside School sent home permission slips with students, but parents or guardians can also access the form at www.phd5.idaho.gov. If you have any questions about these dental sealant clinics, please contact Susie Beem at 208-737-5946.

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