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South Central Public Health Offering Fluoride Varnish Clinics for Children

TWIN FALLS-South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is offering fluoride varnish applications to children 12 and younger.

“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,” said Susie Beem, SCPHD Oral Health Program Coordinator. “The varnish is very safe since it’s applied directly to the teeth, and children can receive a fluoride varnish application as soon as they get their first teeth.”

The fluoride varnish clinics will take place:

- At the Twin Falls SCPHD office (1020 Washington St. N; on the CSI campus) on September 5, September 26, November 7, and December 5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 737-5980 to schedule an appointment.
- At the Burley SCPHD office (2311 Parke Ave. Unit 4, Suite 4) on September 12 and November 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 678-8221 to schedule an appointment.
- At the Bellevue SCPHD office (117 East Ash St.) on September 19 and October 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 788-4335 to schedule an appointment.
- At the Gooding SCPHD office (255 North Canyon Drive) on October 10 and December 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 934-4477 to schedule an appointment.
- At the Jerome SCPHD office (951 East Avenue H) on October 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 324-8838 to schedule an appointment.

SCPHD will bill Medicaid, Blue Cross, Regence, and Delta Dental (typically varnish is covered every six months). Children who are uninsured can still be seen at these clinics. If you have any questions about fluoride varnish, please call Susie Beem at 737-5946. More information on fluoride varnish clinics and the schedule can be found at phd5.idaho.gov/Dental.

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