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### **MEDIA ALERT**

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#### **Public Health Offering Fluoride Varnish Clinics for Children**

TWIN FALLS-South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is offering fluoride varnish applications to children twelve 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. 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:

- **In Twin Falls at South Central Public Health District (1020 Washington St. N; on the CSI college campus) on January 30, February 27 and April 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 737-5980 to schedule an appointment.**
- **In Burley at South Central Public Health District (2311 Parke Ave. Unit 4 Suite 4) on February 13 and May 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 678-8221 to schedule an appointment.**
- **In Jerome at South Central Public Health (951 East Avenue H) on January 16 and April 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 324-8838 to schedule an appointment.**
- **In Gooding at South Central Public Health District (255 North Canyon Drive) on March 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 934-4477 to schedule an appointment.**
- **In Bellevue at South Central Public Health District (11 East Ash Street) on February 20 and May 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 788-4335 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.

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