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DATE: April 25, 2025
TO: Missouri School Nurses and PSP Coordinators
FROM: MO Dept. of Health & Senior Services – Office of Dental Health
SUBJECT: **Oral Health in schools 2025-2026 - Preventive Services Program**

SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU to the school nurses and coordinators who made the 2024-2025 Preventive Services Program (PSP) and oral health a priority for the children in your schools and communities. If you have not participated in PSP, it isn't too late to get PSP started in your community and school. Tooth decay (cavities) remains one of the most common chronic diseases yet is almost 100 % preventable with proper oral health education and preventive measures. **Help prevent cavities for children in your care.** Find more information on the **FREE** Preventive Services Program [here](#). PSP is available to children in daycare, Head Start, pre-school and all Missouri schools PK-12.

As you begin to prepare for and think about the next school year's parent packets, back to school nights, eye and hearing screenings, please include the Preventive Service Program in your information or on your website. The PSP is free, no insurance is billed; it works very well when scheduled with eye and hearing screening events. If you partner with a mobile dental company coming to your facility, PSP works great two weeks prior to the mobile unit event to help identify children who need urgent dental care as a priority for the mobile unit dental professionals.

NEW FOR 2025-2026 PREVENTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

1. **The PSP Consent forms can now be added to your website! The link to the PSP consent form:** <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/oralhealth/psp/pdf/Parental-Consent-Form-English.pdf>
2. **PSP Quick Guide to Get Started – a one page overview with steps for a successful PSP event.**
3. **Signed consent forms will determine the quantity of dental supplies ordered.**
4. **The PSP event report is due within 10 working days of each PSP event date (fall and spring).**
5. **PSP Office Hours – weekly beginning Thursday, August 7th at 1:00PM for questions or concerns regarding PSP – (PSP Office Hours will not be held on state holidays or during summer months.)**

PSP Orders: Place between July 1, 2025, and May 1, 2026, for your event. A confirmation email will be generated upon receipt of order. If you do NOT receive a confirmation, please contact oralhealth@health.mo.gov or call 573-751-5874 as soon as possible to ensure your order is placed and PSP supplies are received in a timely manner.

PSP Supplies: Order two units of fluoride varnish per participating child based on returned consent forms with approval for fluoride varnish for application 3 to 6 months apart. Dental supplies, one each, are provided for the children participating in the PSP per school year: toothbrush, toothpaste, floss (4th grade and older), mouth mirror for reviewer and literature items per school year. Due to funding constraints, supplies are limited and cannot be given to the entire school population.

Required Training and Reporting: Volunteers providing mouth reviews and applying fluoride varnish must take the Calibrations/Training each year and pass the quiz for each training. The required yearly training is listed on our webpage [here](#). Click on the PSP Calibrations/Trainings dropdown bar.

For questions or additional Preventive Services Program information, contact the Office of Dental Health (ODH).

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PSP Website: <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/oralhealth/psp/>

Again, thank you to all those who made PSP possible for over 60,000 Missouri children during the 2024-2025 school year. Without your time and dedication, this would not be possible. Participation in PSP is a great way to give Missouri children a better chance in having a healthy mouth and good overall health for a lifetime. Please contact us if we can be of assistance. We look forward to working with you this upcoming year.

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