

TOOTHSAVERS OF WASHINGTON

COVID-19 and Universal Precautions Update

Kids will need in-school oral health intervention more than ever this year. ToothsaVERS wants to assure you, we are taking all precautions necessary to protect your students and staff, as well as ToothsaVERS' staff.

TOOTHSAVERS PRACTICES UNIVERSAL INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES BASED ON THE CDC AND WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES. WE WILL CONTINUE THESE BEST PRACTICES AND WILL IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS AS WELL.

Every ToothsaVERS care provider is required to:

- Wash/sanitize hands properly before and after every student visit
- Wear disposable nitrile/ non-latex gloves, an N95 respirator mask or level III mask AND a face shield, gown or lab coat, and a disposable head cap.
- Use of the CDC spray/wipe/spray method on all touched equipment & surfaces with hospital grade disinfectant that kills 99.9% of all microorganisms and viruses.
- Provide each child with sanitized eye protection to wear
- Use individually wrapped sterile and disposable materials
- All ToothsaVERS providers and staff have been fully vaccinated to protect against COVID-19 and will get boosters as necessary.

NEW INFECTION CONTROL PROTOCOL

- A portable HEPA Air purifier will be set up in every treatment area which helps filter airborne microorganisms and viruses.
- Care providers will wrap or drape all exposed areas in the treatment area with disposable plastic cover to avoid any cross contamination.
- Only pre-packaged & individually wrapped prizes and toothbrushes will be given to students in a Ziploc bag.
- No aerosol production or procedures with risk of splatter (such as polishing of the teeth) will be performed.

NEW PATIENT/STUDENT PROTOCOL

- Every child will be screened for any signs of illness prior to treatment. Any child with any signs of illness will be reported and taken to the school nurse immediately.
- Every child will sanitize their hands upon entering the treatment area and before heading back to class.
- Children will receive treatment one on one with their care provider in a well ventilated area

