

# TOOTHSAVERS OF WASHINGTON

## COVID-19 and Universal Precautions Update

***Kids will need our in-school oral health intervention more than ever this year. Tothsavers wants to assure you, we are taking all precautions necessary to protect your students and staff, as well as Tothsavers' 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 Tothsavers 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 with a face shield, gown or lab coat, and a head cap.
- Use of the 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 disposable or sterilized materials

## 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 and given instructions to not open until they get home.
- No aerosol producing or procedures with risk of splatter (such as polishing of the teeth) will be performed.

## NEW PATIENT/STUDENT PROTOCOL

- Only one child will be allowed in the treatment area at a time.
- Every child will be screened for any signs of illness and have their temperature taken by a no touch, thermal thermometer before any treatment is given. Any child with a temperature over 99.5 degrees or 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.

**\*\*\*We know space will be in short supply. Please note if an empty classroom is not available, that is ok! Tothsavers only needs a small space such as: a health/nurse's office, a supply room, on a stage, or we can even set up with temporary partition in a breezeway or hallway. We will make any space work!**

