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Health Bulletin

The Mission of the Marion County Health Department is to improve the quality of life through preventing disease and preventative health maintenance.



The American Dental Association's (ADA) Children's Dental Health Day was first celebrated on February 8, 1949. It became a month long commemoration in 1981. Celebrating children's oral health awareness is incredibly important for the community. Tooth decay remains the most common chronic childhood disease.



New parents often ask, "When should my child first see a dentist?" It's never too early to start focusing on your child's oral health. The American Association of Pediatric Dentists recommends that parents establish a dental home for their child by their first tooth or first birthday. Baby teeth are so important because of their key role of saving space for a child's permanent teeth. They stay in a child's mouth for 8-10 years and also affect their speaking, chewing, and of course, smiling. Parents or caregivers are essential and can promote children's dental health this month and throughout the year. Support children's dental health by working with dental professionals on specific topics such as:

- ◇ Tooth decay
- ◇ Getting your child familiar with their dentist's office
- ◇ Preventing crowded teeth
- ◇ Healthy gums in later years

Setting the foundation for your child earlier in life will set your child up for success in the future. While daily brushing is an important part of a child's oral hygiene routine, bacteria that causes tooth decay can still linger between teeth where the toothbrush can't reach. It is important to help your kids incorporate flossing in their daily routine. If your children tend to brush their teeth unattended, take time this month to check-in on their brushing habits. Checking in with your kids and offering helpful tips and tricks will keep their teeth looking great and healthy.

With the 2022 theme for National Children's Dental Health Month being "Sealants Make Sense". Irene Hilton, D.D.S., chair of the ADA Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention's advisory committee on dental sealants, said sealants are an equitable way to prevent cavities. "If your dentist recommends dental sealants, it is part of a comprehensive cavities management approach. Sealants is a thin, protective coating (made from plastic or other dental materials) that adheres to the chewing surface of your back teeth. They're no substitute for brushing and flossing, but they can keep cavities from forming and may even stop early stages of decay from becoming a full-blown cavity. In fact, sealants have been shown to reduce the risk of decay by nearly 80% in molars. This is especially important when it comes to your child's dental health.

To ensure great oral health for your children and family; keep up with checkups, treat the family with new toothbrushes every 3-4 months, and ensure your child knows how to clean their teeth properly.

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December 2021 Statistics

Clinics

Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Clinics ..	0
Persons served: Blood Pressure	0
Persons served: Blood Sugar	5
Paternity Testing Clinics	3
Number of Persons Tested	6

Immunizations

Number of Clinics	8
No. of adults .	31
No. of adults immz. adm	41
No. of pediatrics .	61
No. of pediatrics immz. adm	142
Total of vaccines administered.....	183

Children's Immunizations

Pediarix.....	8
Pediatric Flu	13
Hib	11
Prevnar	10
Rotavirus	1
Hep A.....	14
Dtap	9
MMR.....	5
Tdap.....	17
Hepatitis B.....	2
Varicella.....	6
Kinrix.....	5
Gardasil	4
Meningitis	28
Pentacel	0
ProQuad	5
IPV (Polio).....	4
Td.....	0
Men. B.....	0

Adult Immunizations

Hepatitis A	0
Hepatitis B	10
Flu	24
Men. B	0
Meningitis	0
MMR.....	0
Pneumonia 23	1
TD.....	0
Tdap.....	2
Typhoid.....	0
Varicella.....	0
Yellow Fever	0
Prevnar 13.....	0
Shingrix.....	4

Maternal Child Health (MCH)

Maternal Health Encounters	347
WIC Caseload	1,035
WIC Clients receiving Education..	140
WSSM / WIC Education	118
Internet WIC Education	2
Individual WIC Education	20
Lead.....	4
Hemoglobins	23
ASQ Developmental Screenings	55
Depression Screenings	45
EPSDT'S	7
Flouride Varnish (Oral Health).....	3
Number of Vision Tested	0
Number of Hearing Tested	4
OAE Hearing Tested.....	0
Pregnancy Tests.....	0

Family Case Management

APORS Investigations	0
Healthworks Caseload.....	100

Communicable Disease Investigations

Chickenpox	0
COVID-19.....	731*
Cryptosporidiosis	0
Hepatitis B	5
Hepatitis C	4
Histoplasmosis.....	0
HIV/AIDS Cases Investigated	0
HIV Test.....	0
Salmonellosis.....	0
Streptococcal Infections (Group A) .	0
Whooping Cough (Pertussis).....	0

Sexually Transmitted Disease

Chlamydia	8
Gonorrhea	5
Syphilis.....	1

TB (Tuberculosis)

Tests Administered.....	1
New Prophylactic Patients	0
New Investigations	0
New Active Cases.....	0

Lab Draws

Private Pay	
Salem Office	45
Centralia Office	14
Total Private Pay Lab Draws	59

Quest Lab Draws

Salem Office	0
Centralia Office	1
Total Quest Lab Draws	1

Environmental Health

Food

Routine Inspections.....	23
Follow-up Inspections	1
Complaint Inspections	1
Temporary Inspections	0
Pre-Operational Inspections	0
Emergency Incident Inspections	0
Number of Permits Issued	6

Sewage

Routine Inspections.....	0
Complaint Inspections	0
Realty Inspections	0
Sewage Systems Installed.....	0
Number of Permits Issued	4

Water

New System Inspections.....	0
Existing Water Well Inspections.....	0
Realty Inspections	0
Complaint Inspections	0
Water Wells Sealed	0
Number of Permits Issued.....	0

Closed Loop Wells

Closed Loop Well Inspections	0
Systems Installed	0
Number of Permits Issued	0

Tanning

Routine Inspections.....	0
Follow-up Inspections	0
Complaint Inspections	0

Body Art

Routine Inspections.....	0
Follow-up Inspections	0
Complaint Inspections	0

Miscellaneous

Animal Bites.....	1
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FIT Test

Female.....	0	Male.....	0
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* Coronavirus reporting was from 12/1/21 to 12/28/21.

