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Dear parents and guardians,

The staff at the Salem Children's Dental Network hope you and your families are doing well with all the challenges we have faced since last March. We would like you to know that our program is working diligently to prepare for the 2020-21 school year so we may continue to provide dental services to children in the community without access to dental care.

If your child does not have access to dental care for any reason, ***please complete and sign the attached permission form and return it to school.*** We hope your child will receive treatment at school this year but we will contact you to make other arrangements if needed.

The Children's Dental Network follows all infection control protocols established by the CDC, OSHA and the ADA (American Dental Association). We use disposable supplies whenever possible and have an autoclave on site for routine sterilization procedures. New masks and gloves are used on each patient. The preventive dental services we provide include dental assessments, guided tooth brushing instruction, fluoride varnish to strengthen tooth enamel, sealants to prevent cavities on molars, temporary fillings and a special fluoride that halts decay that has already started. Our services are considered safe, non-invasive and aerosol free. There is no drilling, no shots and no pain. We also offer referrals to dental offices if more comprehensive care is needed, usually at no cost to the family. Our program helps to fill the gap for families without a dentist, families without dental insurance or families in transition.

We were pleased that our dental program was completed in Salem prior to the closing of schools last spring, and we look forward to another successful year. To learn more about our program, please visit the website listed above or call me personally with any questions. We look forward to seeing your child during the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

Dianne Powers, RDH, CPHDH
Program Director