



Sealants

What are sealants?

- Sealants are a plastic coating placed in the deep grooves on the biting surface of molars.
- It is a painless, preventive service that helps to prevent cavities in the grooves on molars.

Why should my child get sealants?

- It is not always easy to clean the chewing surface of molars because they have deep grooves. These grooves are a place that food and bacteria hide.
- It is an effective, painless treatment that can prevent cavities on molars.
- It can prevent the need for fillings.
- It can prevent pain and infection caused by cavities.

How do I know if my child needs a sealant?

- Every year, children enrolled in the Children's Oral Health Initiative (COHI) are screened by the Registered Dental Hygienist.
- If your child qualifies for a sealant, you will be contacted.





BEFORE



AFTER

At what age can my child get a sealant?

- It is best to get a sealant as soon as the teeth come into the mouth.
- The first “adult” molars appear around the age of 6.
- The second “adult” molars appear around the age of 12.

Where can my child receive a sealant?

- The COHI program sets up a dental clinic at the Biigtigong Mno-zhi-yaawgamig Dental Clinic.
- Your child can receive the sealant(s) at the health centre dental clinic.

How much does it cost?

- There is no cost to you or your family. It is covered through COHI.

Is the procedure painful?

- No. The procedure is painless and requires no needles.

Who provides the sealants?

- A Registered Dental Hygienist.

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