



## Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Marion County Public Health I-Smile<sup>™</sup> @ School program is offering <u>no-cost</u> dental services for children at your school.

The following services may be provided by dental hygienists:

- Dental Screening a simple look in the mouth to check for cavities.
- Fluoride Varnish a sticky liquid that coats all teeth to help make them stronger and prevent tooth decay.
- Dental Sealants a tooth-colored coating that is painted on the back teeth to protect them from food, germs, and acid that cause tooth decay.
- Oral Health Education lessons to help students learn about healthy teeth and mouths.

After the services are provided to your child, a letter will be sent home to you with the results. Please note that dental screenings **do not replace regular dental check-ups**. Your child should visit the dentist for a complete exam.

We now offer online consent registration: <a href="https://is.gd/ismileconsentmcph">https://is.gd/ismileconsentmcph</a> It is very important that the consent is submitted to ensure that your child can participate. You can request a paper consent from your school nurse or child's teacher.

You may contact me with any questions at the phone number or email listed below.

Sincerely,

Melissa Woodhouse, RDH I-Smile™ Coordinator 641-828-2238 ext. 3840 mwoodhouse@marioncountyiowa.gov Step 1: Fill out and submit the online consent (return paper consent to your child's teacher, if requested).

<u>Step 2:</u> Your child will receive a dental screening and fluoride varnish at school and sealants if needed.

Step 3: You will receive a letter with the dental screening results and a follow-up call may be provided if concerns are found.