

Seal Today to Prevent Decay

PROTECT YOUR CHILD'S TEETH AGAINST CAVITIES

What are molar sealants?

Molar sealants are clear, protective coatings put on permanent first and second molars to help keep them healthy and protected from cavities.

When should my child get molar sealants?

You should schedule an appointment for your child to get molar sealants when their permanent back teeth have grown in. This happens as early as five years old!

How are sealants applied?

Sealants are painted on your child's back teeth. They are quick and painless to apply! The whole process only takes a matter of minutes.

Can my child eat right away?

Yes! Your child is fine to eat after having the sealants applied.

What are the benefits of sealants?

Molar sealants are safe and protect your child's teeth from harmful bacteria, cavities and tooth decay.

How long will sealants last?

Sealants can last for several years! Ask your dentist when your child should get sealants reapplied.

Will sealants replace fluoride?

No. Both sealants and fluoride are needed to protect teeth from cavities and tooth decay.

Are sealants covered by the Medi-Cal dental benefit?

Yes! With your Medi-Cal dental benefit, molar sealants are covered for children and teens up to age 21.

Children without sealants have almost three times more cavities than those with sealants.*



*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/dental-sealants/index.html



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