

Student Health Services

The following health services are provided to students.

Oral care

- **Dental varnish**

Taylor County's Early Childhood Caries (ECC) Prevention Program includes:

1. Dental Screening
2. Education
3. Learn how to screen your child's mouth.
4. Learn what to look for in a healthy mouth.
5. Fluoride Varnish application with signed parental/guardian permission form
6. Referral service
7. A free toothbrush

Taylor County nursing staff come to the school to apply fluoride varnish, a protective coating that is painted on teeth to help prevent new cavities and to help stop cavities that have already started. The taste is tolerated very well by young children and the procedure is painless, simple, and takes less than 10 minutes to apply.

Varnishing is done at school for students in PreK and Kindergarten and is done twice a school year.

- **Seal – A – Smile Program**

Seal-A-Smile is a school based preventive dental sealant program offering oral health education, oral screening services, sealant placement, professional application of fluoride and targeted case management for children with identified dental needs. The goal of the program is to prevent dental disease and promote oral health as part of a person's total systemic health.

This service is provided by Price County Health Department for Price and Taylor Counties.

All children must have a signed consent form on file before any treatment (including fluoride varnish) can be completed. The treatment which your child will

receive in this program is not meant to be an alternative to regular dental care. It is still strongly recommended that you seek out a dental home (family dentist) for routine dental care including any follow-up care which may be recommended after your child has completed this school-based oral health program.