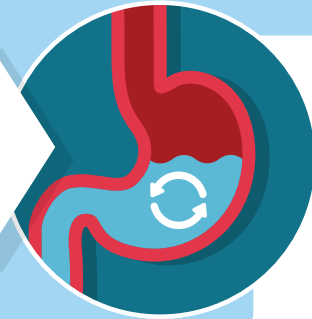


How Community Water Fluoridation Prevents Tooth Decay

For children



When children are young **fluoride that is swallowed enters the bloodstream.**



It combines with **calcium and phosphate** as the tooth is formed under the gums.

These teeth are more resistant to decay throughout childhood and the teenage years.



For people of all ages



Fluoride in beverages and foods **mixes with the saliva.**

Saliva neutralizes acid produced by bacteria on teeth.

the fluoride heals the teeth and protects them from further decay.



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