

Pennsylvania School-Based Sealant Programs: 2022-23

What are sealants?

Dental sealants are clear or tooth-color coatings that fill the grooves of back permanent teeth (molar) and help keep out food and germs that cause cavities. They are painted on and only take a few minutes!



9 dental sealant programs

91 schools participated

75 schools were low-income



6,504 consent forms were distributed

1,927 children in **Grades 1-8** were screened



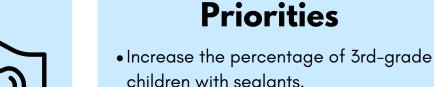
892 children had cavities

626 children had fillings

63% of children screened had sealants placed

11% of children sealed were 3rd-graders

6,363 teeth received dental sealants to prevent cavities



• Increase the number of programs providing children ages 6-14 with dental sealants.



