



Pennsylvania School-Based Sealant Programs 2024-25

Children with healthy teeth learn better.

What are dental sealants?

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

Program Participation



9 grantees

101 participating schools

88 participating schools with 50% or more of students eligible for free and reduced meals

Consents & Screenings

7,366 consent forms sent home

2,790 children screened in grades 1-8



Oral Health Plan Priorities¹

Increase the percentage of 3rd grade children with sealants

Progress is measured using the PA Basic Screening Survey (BSS) every five years. As of 2025, only baseline data have been collected. While it does not directly measure priority progress, data collected from school-based sealant programs impact this goal.

Oral Health Plan baseline, 2021-22: 36.7%

Oral Health Plan 2030 goal: 41.7%

School-based sealant programs, 2021-22 : 8%

School-based sealant programs, 2024-25: 11.8%

Increase the number of school programs providing children ages 6-14 with sealants

Baseline, 2019: 61 schools

Current school year, 2024-25: 101 schools

Oral Health Plan 2030 goal: 122 schools

Sealants Placed



1,726 children had sealants placed

11.8% of children sealed were 3rd graders

8,013 teeth sealed

Decay Prevalence

2,162 children had untreated cavities

1,160 children had filled cavities

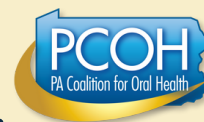


1. Pennsylvania Oral Health Plan 2020-2030, www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Programs/Pennsylvania%20Oral%20Health%20Plan%202020-2030.pdf



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