

# Seal a Smile<sup>™</sup>

## Services are Back!

**We are so happy to be able to provide your child safe and effective dental care again!**

All school-based health services were stopped until New York State created COVID safe policies.

Dozens of pages of regulations were developed by the organizations below:

- New York State Department of Health
- The Centers for Disease Control
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- American Dental Association

**The New York State Department of Health has approved our policies and procedures as COVID safe!**

We've made many changes. Some examples are:

- Head to toe PPE for staff
- High volume suction and HEPA air filtration
- Staff and student COVID-19 screening
- No lines – only one student at a time
- There are so many more!



**E-mail us to get a more detailed summary or to get answers to any questions at [rhoffay@hcdiny.org](mailto:rhoffay@hcdiny.org).**



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# SEAL A SMILE: Keeping Your Students and Staff



**SAFE During COVID-19**



Seal A Smile's infection control and safety standards and practices have always met or exceeded New York State Department of Health requirements, and are regularly reviewed and evaluated. The health and safety of your students and staff, as well as that of our own staff, remains our highest priority.

Here are some additions and changes to our policy and procedures related to COVID 19 infection prevention which have been reviewed and approved by the New Your State Department of Health:

- Seal A Smile staff will be pre-screened before reporting to work, and temperature will be taken and recorded by supervisor. Masks will be worn 100% of the time while in a school building.
- Students will have their temperatures taken before entering the SAS treatment area. The student will remain wearing their mask until seated in the dental chair and dental services are being provided.
- Students will be seen one at a time, with no 'waiting area', unless under special circumstances when a child needs to be accompanied by an aide or teacher. Social distancing will be maintained, except when direct services are being provided.
- Only non-aerosol producing procedures will be provided at schools. Students who are found to require any aerosol producing procedures will be referred to a dental clinic or office and will receive assistance making an appointment from our Care Coordinator.
- All SAS units will have high volume suction available and in use during appointments.
- SAS units will have a portable HEPA filtration air purifier on site to be used during service hours.
- SAS staff will wear additional PPE, including N95 or surgical level 3 masks, face shields, hair and shoe coverings and disposable lab coats.
- Whenever possible, Seal A Smile units will be vented outside through a window.
- These changes are in addition to our rigorous infection control policies and procedures.



**If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Program Director at [rhoffay@hcdiny.org](mailto:rhoffay@hcdiny.org) or call 518-462-7049**

## RESOURCES AND REFERENCES ON DENTISTRY DURING COVID 19

*Interim Guidance for Dentistry During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency*

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/DentistryMasterGuidance.pdf>

*Best Practices for Infection Control In Dental Clinics During the COVID-19 Pandemic* issued by the Organization for Safety, Asepsis, and Prevention

[https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.osap.org/resource/resmgr/dentaquest/INC-1353\\_Best\\_Practices\\_for\\_.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.osap.org/resource/resmgr/dentaquest/INC-1353_Best_Practices_for_.pdf)

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Webpage COVID 19 in Dental Settings*

<https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/statement-COVID.html>



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