**Pediatric Prevention Dental Program**

Brief Description (200 Characters):

The School Based Dental Teams of Choptank Community Health Systems implemented the Pediatric Preventive Dental Fluoride Program during the re-opening of Phase1 during the Covid19 Pandemic.

Program Overview:

The School Based Dental Teams of Choptank Community Health Systems developed and implemented the Pediatric Preventive Fluoride Program during the re-opening of Phase 1 during the Covid –19 Pandemic. The Caroline and Dorchester Community School Based Dental Team were able to utilize the Choptank Community Health Centers in Cambridge, and Denton, to provide fluoride preventative services to the Moderate and High risk pediatric population across the Eastern Shore.

Both teams used a school-based enrollment list, Covid Emergency patient list, Continuing Care List, and a recall list of the pediatric patients that received fluoride beginning in January and would have been due for 3-month fluoride visits. Prior to each patients’ appointment, their medical history was reviewed and updated, caries risk evaluated, and completed a series of Covid19 screening questions over the phone, in some cases, tele-Dental visit.

During their appointment, each patient would receive fluoride varnish application, nutritional counseling, oral hygiene instructions, caries risk assessment, toothbrush prophy, and limited examination, if needed. These fluoride appointments allowed us the time to educate the patient, and the parent on the importance of home hygiene, and healthy habits. We scheduled each patient their next appointment to fulfill their continuation of care. I feel, as though, during a time of uncertainty, CCHS was able to provide these families with some sense of normalcy, showing our patients we care about their overall health.