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Health Department and Douglas County Dental Clinic partner for additional fluoride treatment days

(Lawrence, KS) – The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department and the Douglas County Dental Clinic will host several fluoride varnish treatment days in February.

A dental hygienist will perform the simple application of fluoride on the following dates:

- Feb. 8- 1 to 4:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 21- 3 to 5 p.m.
- and
- Feb. 24- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The clinics will take place at the Health Department, 200 Maine St. in Lawrence. No appointment is needed; clients will be served on a first come, first served basis. All children, ages 6 months to 18 who are uninsured or are on Medicaid or Healthwave, are eligible. A parent or guardian must be present to sign a consent form for the treatment and to provide the child's medical card information.

Fluoride varnish is 5 percent sodium fluoride resin that is painted on teeth to help make the enamel stronger and more resistant to dental decay. This temporary resin is held in close contact to the tooth surface for four to six hours to allow absorption. It can be brushed off the teeth after a few hours or left on the teeth overnight. Studies show that fluoride varnish is most effective when applied at least three times a year.

For more information on fluoride varnish days, call the Health Department at (785) 843-0721 or visit www.ldchealth.org.