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“GIVE KIDS A SMILE” NO-COST DENTAL EVENT RETURNS ON FEB. 19

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St. Petersburg, FL – According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 1 of 5 children aged 5 to 11 have at least one untreated cavity. The good news is cavities are preventable with daily oral health routines and access to dental care. Even better news is the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) is taking part in the American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation’s **Give Kids a Smile** event on Monday, Feb. 19, to provide no-cost dental services to children and teens.



Eligible children and teens ages 4-18 will be provided with exams, X-rays, cleanings and sealants, all at no cost to their families (services are available to children and teens receiving Medicaid or have no insurance).

No pre-registration is required; however, children and teens will be seen on a first come, first serve basis until all slots are filled. A parent or guardian must be present at the time of service.

The three DOH-Pinellas clinics will open at 8 AM on Feb. 19 at the following locations:

- **St. Petersburg:** 205 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N.
- **Mid-County:** 8751 Ulmerton Rd., Largo.
- **Clearwater:** 310 N. Myrtle Ave.

Karen Hodge, Dental Services Manager for DOH-Pinellas, looks forward to the annual event and the ongoing collaboration with community partners including the Pinellas County Dental Association. “Annual events like Give Kids a Smile help us continue to work towards our goal of giving all children the opportunity to have a cavity-free smile,” she says.

DOH-Pinellas has participated in the ADA Foundation’s Give Kids a Smile movement for nearly ten years. The local event is made possible by DOH-Pinellas, the Pinellas County Dental Association and the Upper Pinellas County Dental Association.

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