



# School-based Sealant Program

## 2023-2024 School Year

389

Schools Served

4,951

Children Screened

3,325

Children Sealed

663

Children Varnished



### Did you know?

A sealant is a thin protective coating that is placed on the chewing surface of a molar. Each Sealant takes only **5 minutes** to place.



Source: CDC<sup>1</sup>

### Children Who Need Dental Treatment

Referred for Treatment

27%

Urgent Dental Care Needs  
Severe decay, infection, or pain

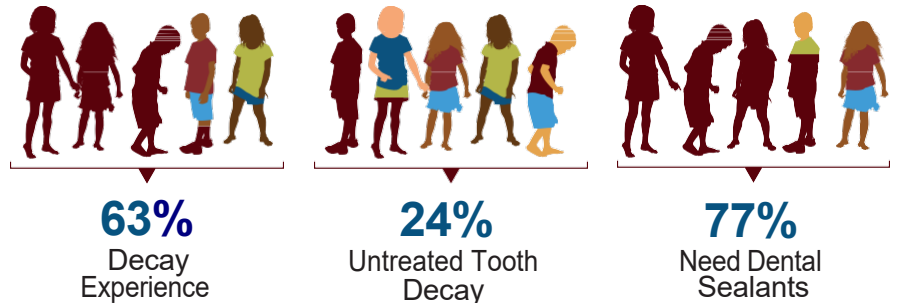
5%

## National & State Statistics

### FACTS:

- Dental sealants prevent 80% of cavities on the back teeth, where the majority of cavities occur<sup>2</sup>
- Students miss about 51 million school hours a year due to dental related issues<sup>3</sup>
- Sealants are the **BEST practice** approach at preventing decay<sup>4</sup>

### Oral Health of Arizona 3rd Grade Students<sup>5</sup>



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