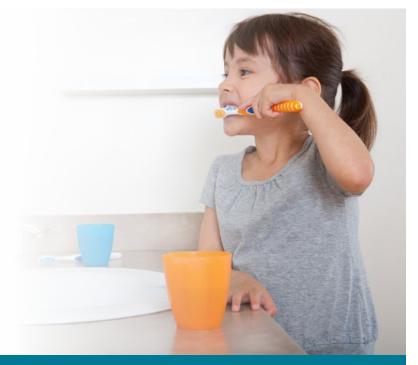


Cavity Risk Assessment



Tooth decay is largely preventable, yet it's the single most common chronic childhood disease caused by bacteria used with food and drinks that create acid and damages the enamel on your child's teeth, causing decay overtime.

Use the risk assessment chart below to learn if your kid is at risk for developing cavities. Please keep in mind as you answer "yes" to statements marked with a warning symbol, this may suggest that your child is at high risk for tooth decay or other dental conditions.

After completing this cavity risk assessment, whether your child is at high or low risk, we recommend scheduling a dental visit. Click <u>here</u> to find a dentist near you.

RISK FACTORS	PROTECTIVE FACTORS	CLINICAL FINDINGS
⚠ Mother or primary caregiver had active decay in the past 12 months ☐ Yes ☐ No	Existing primary dentist Yes No Drinks fluoridated water or	▲ White spots or visible decalcifications in the past 12 months ☐ Yes ☐ No
⚠ Continual bottle/sippy cup use with fluid other than water ☐ Yes ☐ No	takes fluoride supplements (if recommended by dentist) Yes No	⚠ Obvious decay □ Yes □ No
Mother or primary caregiver does not have a dentist	Fluoride varnish in the last 6 months	▲ Restorations (fillings) present
Yes No	Has teeth brushed twice daily ☐Yes ☐No	Visible plaque accumulation
Yes No Special health care needs Yes No		Gingivitis (swollen/bleeding gums)
Medicaid eligible		Yes No

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics

