



Wisconsin Dental Hygienists' Association Statement in Support of Community Water Fluoridation

The Wisconsin Dental Hygienists' Association (WDHA) strongly supports community water fluoridation as a safe, effective, and equitable public health measure, in alignment with the position of the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA). We recognize that the consumption of fluoridated water is an essential and scientifically proven strategy for preventing dental caries and improving oral health outcomes for individuals across all age groups.

Decades of rigorous research have established that fluoride in public water supplies plays a vital role in reducing tooth decay, benefiting both children and adults. Endorsements from trusted organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), confirm that water fluoridation is an effective, evidence-based approach to enhancing oral health. More than 70 years of scientific data demonstrate that fluoridation significantly reduces the incidence of dental caries, leading to better overall health for communities.

As dental hygienists, we understand the profound impact that oral health has on overall well-being. By advocating for community water fluoridation, we support a cost-effective, preventive measure that reaches individuals of all socioeconomic backgrounds, helping to eliminate oral health disparities. Fluoridated water is especially beneficial for underserved populations, who may not have access to routine dental care or education on oral health.

We urge all dental professionals, policymakers, and community leaders in Wisconsin to join us in supporting and maintaining water fluoridation programs. It is crucial that we continue to educate the public about the safety and effectiveness of fluoridation and collaborate with other health professionals to ensure that this public health tool remains accessible for all.

The WDHA is committed to improving oral health in our state, and we stand united with the ADHA in advocating for community water fluoridation as a proven method to reduce tooth decay and ensure a healthier future for all Wisconsin residents.

For more information on fluoride and community water fluoridation, we encourage you to visit the ADHA's resources at <https://www.adha.org/fluoride>.

Sincerely,

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