

Sláinte Leanaí Éireann



Children's Health Ireland

Looking after your child's dental and oral health

Advice for children, parents and carers during COVID-19 Pandemic

We appreciate that at this time you may be worried about your child's dental and oral health and how to access dental care should your child experience toothache, dental infection or dental trauma.

We wish to reassure you that the dental services across Children's Health Ireland (CHI) are working to ensure you can access advice and support about mouth care if and when you need it. We are looking at how best we can see you in clinic with your children again, but for the moment face-to-face care is very limited.



If your child is experiencing pain or discomfort or has had a dental trauma, please contact your regular or local dentist in the first instance.



Your dentist will be able to give you advice over the phone and arrange, where required, for your child to be seen at an appropriate dental clinic depending on whether or not your child, or member of your household, has symptoms of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).



If your child does not already have a dentist, please contact your local HSE dental clinic who can then provide advice over the phone and arrange, where required, for your child to be seen at an appropriate dental clinic depending on whether or not your child, or member of your household, has symptoms of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Call first to find out what HSE clinics are operating in your area and to discuss your situation.



Should your child's usual dentist or local HSE clinic need to, they can contact a member of the Dental team at CHI for advice. If your child is under the care of a medical team at CHI, they may contact the Dental team at CHI for advice too.



Remember – prevention is best! Brush your child's teeth twice a day and continue to offer healthy foods that are low in sugar.

Stay safe and stay well.

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