



Dr. Caldwell's Tooth Talk

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"Cover & Cough" Our Policy Regarding the Transmission of Influenza

Our office follows the guidelines recommended by the CDC for Dental Healthcare providers as they relate to the H1N1 Virus (Swine Flu).

Please note: Should your child be experiencing any flu like symptoms such as Runny Nose, Cough, Sore Throat, Fever, Body Aches, Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea Dr. Caldwell asks that your child's appointment be postponed until all flu like symptoms are gone. If your child's dental treatment is of an urgent nature we have protocol in place to manage those situations. Please advise us if your child has upper respiratory symptoms and we will furnish a mask for them to wear and have them wait in a separate waiting area.

Please refer to the CDC poster on the wall for more information.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us prevent the transmission of disease.

Larry Caldwell, DDS



Office X-ray Policies

Detecting a cavity is not as easy as seeing it in the mouth. Children as young as two years of age are introduced to X-rays with two films that are taken of the upper and lower front teeth which often detect missing and or multiple teeth. Within their next six month to one year exam, a full set (FMX) is taken to determine growth and development of baby and permanent teeth.



Cavities that start in between the teeth can only be detected with Bitewing (cavity detecting) x-rays. Dr. Caldwell recommends Bitewing x-rays to be taken once a year unless decay was noted at their previous appointment. Depending on your child's development, a Panorex X-ray (shows all the teeth and jaw bone in one large film) can be recommended every three to five years.

Halloween Safety Tips For Kids

Anytime a child has an accident, it's tragic. The last thing that you want to happen is for your child to be hurt on a holiday, it would forever live in the minds of the child and the family.



There are many ways to keep your child safe at Halloween, when they are more prone to accidents and injuries. The excitement of children and adults at this time of year sometimes makes them forget to be careful. Simple common sense can do a lot to stop any tragedies from happening.

- Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof, the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.
- If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids costumes won't accidentally be set on fire. Better still use PumpkinLights.com to light pumpkins. They make a light that looks like a flickering candle flame!
- Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.
- Kids always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face. There are many kits available that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer, although you can be cut by them as well. It's best to let the kids clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which you can carve for them.
- Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.
- Teaching your kids basic everyday safety such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets and crossing when the lights tell you to, will help make them safer when they are out Trick or Treating.

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids and they'll carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families some day!

For more on Halloween safety, see www.halloween-safety.com.

Please Note:

Holiday Appointments

During our busy school holidays, we will be having an additional Hygienist on staff to help us facilitate the need for your children's check up and cleaning appointments.