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Dear Dental Office Team,

Currently, there are approximately 30 'Tooth Tutor' dental hygienists working in almost 100 schools and Head Start sites across Vermont. Tooth Tutors help connect students to local dental homes where they can receive comprehensive dental care, including sealants. Sealants are one of the best ways to prevent tooth decay, and they are especially important for children who may not access dental care regularly (i.e., children referred through the Tooth Tutor program).

Because Tooth Tutors are not placing sealants in schools themselves, they need to contact dental offices to obtain data for reporting and evaluation requirements. Prior to the end of the school year, if you are a dental office participating in the Tooth Tutor Program you will be contacted by a Tooth Tutor looking for **four pieces of aggregated information** (**not** individual child data):

- the total number of students who were seen at your office through a referral by the Tooth Tutor,
- the total number of students referred to your office by the Tooth Tutor, who received at least one dental sealant on a permanent molar,
- the total number of permanent first molars sealed (total for all students who were referred by the Tooth Tutor, not by individual student), and
- the total number of permanent second molars sealed (total for all students who were referred by the Tooth Tutor, not by individual student).

Please work with your team and your local Tooth Tutor to establish a data collection method that works for you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Debora Teixeira, the Tooth Tutor Program Coordinator at 802-652-4115 or Debora.Teixeira@vermont.gov

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Vermont's Tooth Tutor Program!

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