

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Pregnant Healthy Smile

Did you know that what you eat during pregnancy affects the development of your baby's teeth?

- Your baby's teeth start to form as part of their fetal development during the second trimester, so now is the time to get the right nutrients from a balanced diet.
- During pregnancy, your goal is to maintain optimal health for you and your baby. This includes taking care of your teeth and gums and visiting the dentist regularly.

Visit a Dentist

 It is very important to visit your dentist regularly your whole life. Seeing a dentist regularly is important for good oral health.

Floss Every Day

 Clean between your teeth once a day, every day, with floss or flossers to remove plaque and food where a brush cannot reach.

Attack Plaque!

Plaque is a sticky film of germs that forms on teeth and gums after eating. Plaque that is not removed by brushing twice a day and flossing once a day, can lead to cavities.

What Can I Do at Home to Take Care of My Teeth? Try These Tips For Maintaining A Healthy Mouth During Pregnancy:

- Rinse your mouth with water. This is important if you vomit because of morning sickness or if you eat sugary snacks throughout the day.
- Brush your teeth twice a day. Clean between your teeth daily by flossing. This will help prevent gum disease and keep your mouth healthy and clean.
- Brush thoroughly with an American Dental Association (ADA) accepted fluoride toothpaste twice a day.
- Change your toothbrush every 3 months.
- Eat healthy foods. Limit sugary drinks and snacks. If you snack, do so in moderation.
- Visit your dentist at least once during pregnancy, for a professional cleaning and check-up.
- If you need help controlling plaque, your dentist may recommend rinsing at night with an antimicrobial mouth rinse.

For more details on how to brush:



To find a **Dentist or schedule a dental appointment**, please call **844-391-6678**. For **Transportation**, please call: **866-201-9974**. For more information about events, programs and classes please visit the MedStar Family Choice District of Columbia (MFC-DC) Enrollees Events and Outreach Programs website:

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