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For the 12th consecutive year, students from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College (UNMC) of Dentistry will be heading west to be a part of Dental Day on June 5 and 6. This is an opportunity for your child to receive dental care for no cost.

“A great number of kids receive dental care during Dental Days,” said Janelle Hansen, PPHD Health Educator. “It requires extensive planning and coordination with school nurses, hospitals, UNMC, and community volunteers. We are glad to be a part of such a great program to help ensure children in the Panhandle have their dental health needs met,” she added.

Dental students studying dentistry and dental hygiene at UNMC, accompanied by dental residents, and faculty members, will be participating in the Panhandle-wide event. Children will be seen at Gordon Memorial Hospital; Box Butte General Hospital; CAP-WN Dental Clinic (Dr. James Hadden) in Chadron; Dr. Maxwell and Dr. Wilcox in Alliance; Summit Dental Clinic (Dr. Neal) and Life Smiles in Sidney (Dr. Hlavinka).

Prescreening appointments are currently taking place until May 11. Dentists participating in the pre-screenings include: Dr. Jacoby, Bridgeport and Hemingford; Dr. Jensen, Oshkosh; Dr. Maxwell and Dr. Wilcox, Dr. Giles, and Dr. Christensen in Alliance; Dr. Hlavinka and Dr. Neal in Sidney; Dr. Hadden in Chadron.

“Preparing for Dental Day involves many logistics,” Hansen said. “The extensive planning process includes coordination with many players including the participating dentists, hospitals, UNMC, and PPHD to result in such a great number of kids receiving dental care. We are glad to be a part of a wonderful ongoing program like Dental Day.”

For more information on the program, visit www.pphd.org or contact Hansen at 308-487-3600 Ext. 105. Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety and quality of life for all who live, learn, work and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community.