

OCTOBER IS Caries Disease

— AWARENESS MONTH —

Caries Disease Awareness Month is an emerging movement dedicated to changing public perception about oral health. We seek to destigmatize dental decay and educate the public about the actual cause of cavities.

**SPARK
CONVERSATIONS,
TRANSFORM
SMILES**



**SCAN FOR PRIZES AND FUN
WAYS TO GET INVOLVED**

DID YOU KNOW?

Caries disease is the **most common** infectious disease in children. It is 5 times more common than asthma and **20 times** more common **than diabetes**.



Caries disease is the most common chronic disease **in adults**.

Every year in the US, **51 million** school hours are missed by kids due to **tooth pain**.

1.6 billion dollars is spent each year on emergency room visits due to **tooth pain and caries disease**.

Bacteria from infected teeth can lead to **respiratory infections, pneumonia, acute bronchitis, and COPD**.



Over 45 billion dollars in work productivity is lost each year in the US due to **untreated dental disease**.

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RESOURCES

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