



## Statement on LCWSD's Continued Support for Fluoridation

There is a great deal of science supporting the benefits of fluoridation. Fluoride has been proven to be beneficial to the dental health of our entire community, regardless of age, location, or income.

LCWSD uses a proven safe and effective form of fluoride. It meets the standards set by the American Water Works Association, the National Sanitation Foundation, and the American National Standards Institute. Fluoridation at proven-safe levels is strongly supported by the EPA, the CDC, and the American Dental Association. The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (formerly SC DHEC) also supports fluoridation, as detailed on its fluoridation webpage: <https://scdhec.gov/health/oral-health/child-and-teen-oral-health/fluoridation>

Regarding recent arguments about informed consent, decisional law in South Carolina has rejected challenges to fluoridation in the public water supply. Fluoridation is permissible and does not require informed consent.

For these reasons, LCWSD does not intend to ask for the removal of fluoride from our water supply.

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### Fluoridation FACTS

On average, communities with water fluoridation experience...

<b>25% FEWER CAVITIES</b> <i>Less pain. Fewer fillings. Fewer teeth pulled.</i>	<b>2000% Return on investment.</b> <i>Saves communities \$\$\$. Saves families \$\$\$.</i>
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