



Sample Newsletter Article

Virginia Oral Health Report Card

Thank you for your partnership on the *Virginia Oral Health Report Card* initiatives!

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Poor oral health affects far more than just our teeth – it affects our economy, our schools and our health care system. Virginia earns a C+ when it comes to oral health, according to the first-ever statewide report card issued by the Virginia Oral Health Coalition (VaOHC). The newly released *Virginia Oral Health Report Card* grades the commonwealth against the nation on nine key oral health indicators that track prevention, collaboration, health status and coverage.

The *Report Card* measures highlight tremendous good as well as significant opportunities for change. Of note, *[insert measure here]*. *[Consider highlighting prevalent issues, successes and/or opportunities for improvement in your population or community of focus.]*

You can view and download the *Report Card* on the [VaOHC website](#); here, you can also download tools to share information with your partners, submit feedback and complete a partnership form to indicate how you'd like to be involved in regional or statewide activities. The *Report Card* was developed through a collaborative, consensus-building process with individuals from across the commonwealth; state agency and safety net partners were instrumental in contributing data and feedback as well. View the Report Card [methodology](#) and [narrative](#) for full details on its development and origin.

The Virginia Oral Health Coalition is a statewide alliance of dental and medical providers, safety net clinics, youth and family advocates, and community members working to improve oral health through policy, education and public awareness. Learn more at www.vaoralhealth.org.