



# APHA celebrates **70 YEARS** of community water fluoridation!

We are longtime proud supporters of community water fluoridation as a safe, effective and cost-saving means of preventing tooth decay. Recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century, community water fluoridation is a true public health success that benefits all segments of the community.



**Celebrate this milestone on  
Monday, Nov. 2, 12:30-2 p.m. at session 3276.0  
Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Prairie A**

**Fluoridation: A 70-Year Success Story  
Moderated by APHA Past President  
Myron Allukian Jr., DDS, MPH**



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# Community water fluoridation, protecting the public's health since 1945

*What is community water fluoridation?* Fluoride is found naturally in all water sources and is the 13th most abundant element in the Earth's crust. Water fluoridation is the adjustment of this naturally occurring element to the optimal level for the prevention of tooth decay.

**FACT:** Community water fluoridation is the foundation for better dental health — it's nature's way of preventing tooth decay.

**FACT:** Community water fluoridation is one of the most researched public health measures in history and is recognized for its public health benefits of preventing tooth decay by more than 100 credible national and international organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Cancer Society, American Dental Association, American Medical Association, American Nurses Association, American School Health Association, APHA and World Health Organization.

**FACT:** Community water fluoridation was named one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**FACT:** Community water fluoridation has been supported by every U.S. surgeon general since 1951 as a safe and effective public health measure.

**FACT:** Community water fluoridation is socially equitable. Everyone — regardless of age, ethnicity, education, socio-economic status or access to dental care — benefits, simply by drinking tap water.

**FACT:** About 210 million people, or nearly 75 percent of the U.S. population served by public water supplies, are drinking fluoridated water, therefore preventing tooth decay, according to CDC.

**FACT:** No court of last resort has ever rendered an opinion against fluoridation. The U.S. Supreme Court has denied review of fluoridation cases 13 times, citing that no substantial federal or constitutional questions were involved.

**FACT:** Since 1950, APHA has strongly endorsed the fluoridation of all community water systems as a safe and effective public health measure for the prevention of tooth decay, approving 20 resolutions or policy statements over the past 65 years. See APHA Policy #20087: Community Water Fluoridation in the United States.

For reliable information about water fluoridation, go to:

[www.ada.org/fluoridationfacts](http://www.ada.org/fluoridationfacts)

[www.apha.org/fluoridation](http://www.apha.org/fluoridation)

[www.cdc.gov/fluoridation](http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation)

[www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org)

[www.ilikemyteeth.org](http://www.ilikemyteeth.org)

[www.nidcr.nih.gov/OralHealth/Topics/Fluoride/](http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/OralHealth/Topics/Fluoride/)

[www.publichealthreports.org/issueopen.cfm?articleID=3359](http://www.publichealthreports.org/issueopen.cfm?articleID=3359)