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**PREMIER COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE TO HOST 4TH ANNUAL CHILDREN’S DENTAL DAY IN PASCO AND HERNANDO COUNTIES**

**DADE CITY, Fla., Wednesday, January 9, 2019 –** To bring awareness to National Children's Dental Health Month in February,Premier Community HealthCare (Premier) is hosting its 4th annual Children’s Dental Day on February 8th from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at four of its health center locations. The event will provide a full day of free dental services for children under 18-years old who are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

According to the American Public Health Association, 51 million school hours are missed annually due to oral disease in children. In support of Children’s Dental Month in February, Premier conducts an annual Children’s Dental Day to focus on the importance of oral health by providing dental exams, cleanings, x-rays, sealants, fillings, fluoride varnishes and oral health education to young patients.

“Tooth decay is one of the most common and most preventable childhood diseases,” said Dr. Jose Peralta, dental and associate medical director of Premier. “By hosting Children’s Dental Day, Premier’s goal is to start children on the road to great oral health and the confidence to succeed in school.”

In addition to dental services, Premier will also provide games and educational activities for children, as well as free giveaways and prizes with kid-friendly oral hygiene supplies and community health resources.

Free dental services are provided for children under 18 without insurance, and most insurance plans including Medicaid and Florida KidCare are accepted. Appointments must be made by calling 352-518-2000. Limited walk-in slots are available.

**WHO:** Premier Community HealthCare

**WHAT:** An all-day free event offering dental services for children such as X-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealants and fillings.

**WHEN:** Friday, Feb. 8, 2019

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Brooksville Family Health Center

300 S. Main St, Brooksville, FL 34601

Dade City Family Health Center

14027 5th St, Dade City, FL 33525

 New Port Richey Family Health Center

 2114 Seven Springs Blvd, Trinity, FL 34655

Spring Hill Family Health Center

 7551 Forest Oaks Blvd, Spring Hill, FL 34606

**VISUALS:** Photography and video will be permitted to members of the media. Dr. Jose Peralta will be available for pre-event media interviews, as well as on-site interviews at the Dade City location.

To schedule media inquiries, contact Cheryl Pollock at 813.785.2221 or CPollock@HCnetwork.org.

For more information about Premier Community HealthCare and its mission, visit [www.premierhc.org](http://www.premierhc.org).

***Premier Community HealthCare Group*** *is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that operates Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC’s) dedicated to providing accessible healthcare for all. Officially known as Premier Community HealthCare Group, Inc. (Premier), the organization is a non-profit community health center dedicated to providing high quality, affordable, accessible medical care to the medically underserved. With ten conveniently located offices throughout Pasco and Hernando Counties to serve patients, Premier provides a full range of comprehensive primary care medical services that include family medicine, pediatrics, dental, behavioral health, obstetrics and gynecology. Premier has been committed to improving access to care for everyone with its long-standing presence in the community since 1979.*

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