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The Florida Dental Association (FDA) maintains its support for community water fluoridation as an effective tool in reducing dental decay at the optimal level of 0.7 per parts per million.

The recent recommendation by the Florida's Surgeon General to cease community water fluoridation due to the neuropsychiatric risk associated with fluoride exposure is based on flawed and unscientific reports. The Surgeon General does not have the authority to mandate community water fluoridation, this decision is made at the local level.

Cities and county commissions have the authority to add fluoride or remove fluoride from the water system by a majority vote. City and county commission meetings are noticed with agenda items to be considered.

If you hear about this issue in your community, please contact the Governmental Affairs Office at (850) 224-1089 or [gao@floridadental.org](mailto:gao@floridadental.org).

For more information on community water fluoridation visit:

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

[FDA Official Statement on Fluoridation.](#)

[ADA Official Statement on Fluoridation.](#)