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## POST-OP INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPACE MAINTAINERS

- 1. Avoid chewing gum, sticky sweets, toffee, jelly beans, or caramels, etc. These things can pull the bands off the teeth.
- 2. Don't tug or push on the space maintainer with your tongue or fingers.
- 3. Keep space maintainers clean with conscientious brushing and flossing.
- 4. If a band comes loose, contact our office immediately so the space maintainer can be recemented as soon as possible to avoid teeth shifting.
- 5. Most children easily adjust to them after the first few days. Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions.
- 6. Continue regular dental visits to determine when your child's space maintainer is ready to be removed.