3-Step Guide to a Calmer Oral Microbiome

Principles: moderate hygiene • protect the peacekeepers • feed oral probiotics (<u>AllerPaste / AllerPops</u>)

General Principle: feed where they live

- Where they live: Key oral probiotics are anaerobic and thrive out of the air—mainly in the gum—tooth pockets (sulcus/crevice) and within the deep layers of the tongue microbiome. They don't grow well on exposed mouth surfaces.
- What they eat: Their natural food is the leftover traces of what you eat. Cleaning removes these food residues, so plan to feed after hygiene, especially at night when saliva flow drops.
- Less is more: Gentle care preserves the "peacekeeper" communities; over-sanitizing wipes them out.

1) Moderate oral hygiene (less/fewer, but better)

- Brush: 1–2×/day, soft manual brush, small circles at the gumline; 2–3 min total.
- Paste choice: low-foaming, mild (SLS-free preferred).
- Floss: 0–1×/day (or a few times/week), focus on tender/bleeding sites; be gentle.
- **Tongue: light sweep** (1–2 gentle passes). Avoid aggressive scraping—deep layers shelter helpful anaerobes.
- Rinse: a quick water swish is usually enough.
- Avoid daily use of strong antiseptics (chlorhexidine, high-alcohol/essential-oil rinses) or **peroxide** unless specifically short-term and directed by your clinician.

2) Remove harsh stressors (protect the peacekeepers)

- **Skip or reduce:** daily chlorhexidine/strong essential-oil rinses, **peroxide**, and **SLS** foaming agents.
- **Acid hits:** limit **frequent sipping** of acidic drinks (sodas, lemon water, energy drinks); enjoy with meals and follow with **plain water**.
- Breathing & moisture: aim for nasal breathing and a comfortably humid sleep environment. If you notice dry mouth or habitual mouth breathing, be extra consistent about feeding at night.
- Appliances: clean retainers/dentures with non-antibacterial cleansers; rinse well.
- Chewing gum: not friendly to oral probiotics—avoid frequent gum use (even sugar-free). Prefer water swish instead.

3) Feed oral probiotics (AllerPaste / AllerPops)

- When: After gentle hygiene and before sleep (most important).
- How (target the habitats):
 - AllerPaste (daily care):
 - "A gentle toothpaste designed for **regular use** to **support a balanced oral microbiome**. Use $1-2 \times$ daily. After brushing, **rinse lightly** so a thin film remains."
 - AllerPops (periodic boost):
 - "A periodic booster you can use occasionally to support oral probiotic levels when you want extra microbiome support. Let one pop dissolve slowly; avoid food/drink for 20–30 minutes afterward."
 - When to consider a booster:
 - "Many people choose a booster phase when they notice **dry mouth**, **strong morning breath**, or after periods of **frequent antiseptic rinses**, **travel**, or **illness-related mouth dryness**."
- Placement: make sure product contacts the gum margins and the dorsum of the tongue, not just teeth.
- If mouth feels dry or you tend to mouth-breathe: keep the evening feed every night for the next 1–2 weeks.
- Consistency: allow 2–3 weeks to notice steadier morning breath and calmer gums.
- Safety: avoid if you have open oral wounds, active oral infections, or known sensitivities; consult your dentist/clinician.

Quick Start (7-day plan)

- Days 1–3:
 - o Brush 1–2×/day, gentle floss where needed, light tongue sweep.
 - Evening feed: AllerPaste (leave thin film) + slow-dissolve AllerPops; no food/drink 20–30 min after.
 - Replace strong mouthwash with a water swish. Skip gum.
- Days 4–7:
 - o Keep schedule; move acidic drinks to **mealtimes** only, water rinse after.
 - o Track morning breath and gum comfort (simple markers).

If you drink coffee/tea or work out

- Coffee/tea: enjoy with meals; follow with plain water; keep the night feed.
- Workouts/dry mouth: hydrate; stay consistent with the evening feed.

Troubleshooting

- **Still "cotton mouth"?** Hydrate, humidify sleep, maintain **night feed**; review any drying meds with your clinician.
- Transient taste change? Usually settles in a few days—use a smaller amount, keep a thin film.
- Sensitive gums? Ease floss pressure, use ultra-soft brush, keep feeding daily.
- Whitening goals? Prefer gentle methods; avoid daily peroxide.

Safety & when to pause

- Acute pain, swelling, fever, or non-healing ulcers: see your dentist/clinician and pause new products until evaluated.
- **Recent procedures:** follow your dentist's instructions; resume feeding **after** the acute healing window.