Dear Parent or Guardian,

Public Health will provide dental screenings on November 6th and 8th 2017 for students in JK/SK, grades 1, 2, 8, and other students as appropriate. Screenings are provided under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* and all information is collected according to our privacy policy noted below.

What is a screening?

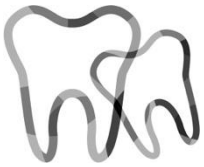
A screening is a quick look in the mouth by a Registered Dental Hygienist. A sterilized dental mirror and protective vinyl gloves are used for each child. This screening is not meant to replace a full examination by your family dentist. Parents are notified if there is an area of concern or an urgent dental condition is found.

Screenings are important. They identify children who have dental problems and help them get oral care. Screenings also provide statistics about the dental health of children in our community, which helps identify programs that may be needed.

If your child is not in one of the listed grades and you would like them to have a screening, or if you don't want your child screened at school, please call us at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 5662 at least one week before the date of our visit. Leave your child's full name, school, birth date, and grade.

What dental programs and services are available at Public Health?

Children aged 17 and under, whose families can't afford dental care, may be eligible for one of our **free** programs to help pay for dental treatment. We also provide free preventive dental care at our Public Health clinics.



Our services include cleaning, fluoride, sealants and brushing/flossing instruction.

Please call our **Dental Line at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 2661** to learn more about these programs or to book an appointment.

Thank you,

Public Health Dental Team

The information collected for Dental Screening is under the authority of the Health Protection and Promotion Act in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Personal Health Information Protection Act*. This information will be used for the delivery of public health programs and services; the administration of the agency; and the maintenance of healthcare databases, registries and related research, in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Any questions about the collection of this information should be addressed to the Chief Privacy Officer at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4354.

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