

DENTAL SCREENING AT YOUR SCHOOL

Great news! We are coming to your school!

Public Health will provide dental screenings on April 11-12, 2023 for students in JK/SK, Grades 2, 4 and 7 (if applicable), as well as other students as appropriate. Screenings are provided as per the Ontario Public Health Standards (2021, or as current).

What is a dental 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. Additional COVID-19 infection control measures will be applied. Children will be required to wear a mask for a short duration while they wait for their screening. Masks will be provided by the dental team. 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 if an urgent dental condition is found.

Why?

Dental screening helps families know if their child has a dental problem and helps them to access care. Screenings also provide statistics about the dental health of children in our community, which helps identify dental programs that may be needed.

How can I include or exclude my child?

If your child is not in one of the grades listed and you would like them screened, or if you do not want your child screened at school, please use the QR code found below or visit wdgpublichealth.ca/hso to complete the inclusion/exclusion online form.

- **Please complete the inclusion/exclusion form at least one week before the scheduled screening date.**



What free dental services are available at Public Health?

Public Health offers free dental services for children and youth 17 and younger for families that cannot afford dental care. Call us to learn more about our free dental programs or to book an appointment.

Dental Line: 1-800-265-7293 ext. 2661

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